

Baker to offer teachers 16% over two years

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is today expected to offer teachers an average 16 per cent pay rise spread over two years on condition that they accept a legally binding definition of their duties and a new salary structure incorporating merit payments.

The new package, which breaks with the outline of the 1985 pay award, was agreed yesterday at a Cabinet committee meeting chaired by the Prime Minister.

After a meeting of the full Cabinet this morning, Mr Baker is likely to present it to MPs today and to commend it to the two sides in the intractable dispute as a basis for a settlement when they meet in Nottingham on the weekend after next.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, is also expected to announce a similar settlement for teachers north of the border.

Yesterday, the two ministers, backed by Mrs Margaret Thatcher, succeeded in overturning Treasury opposition to a deal that will add about £3 billion to the pay bill for Britain's 500,000 teachers in the next four years.

for from the Treasury's contingency reserve, with local authorities also picking up part of the bill, is likely to be paid in instalments, with 8 per cent from January and another 8 per cent a year later.

Mr Baker's proposals are closely modelled on those of the Main Committee covering Scottish teachers, which recommended rises of 16.4 per cent over 18 months. Mr Rifkind lost his battle to preserve the phasing of this award.

Main envisaged a salary ceiling of £12,900 a year for most teachers with their more senior colleagues able to look forward to earnings of up to £17,500, depending on age, experience and ability. The ceiling for heads of the biggest schools would be £28,500.

The same kind of figures are likely to apply to the 400,000 teachers in England and Wales under the Baker package.

The Coventry deal, now repudiated by the Secretary of State, set out a ceiling of £14,500 for most teachers with a smaller gap between them and the high fliers.

Important questions still remain over the future of the discredited Burnham negotiating machinery, and who should exercise management responsibility for school staff.

Governors, given greater powers under the new Education Bill that becomes law next year, may eventually be given a greater role in hiring and firing staff, and determining salaries.

Baker attack

Caretaker dispute

statement to the House today, will make only passing reference to the real but veiled threat of new laws in the next session of Parliament.

However, whether by voluntary agreement or compulsion, ministers are determined to have a contract that specifies teachers' duties inside and outside the classroom.

It will commit them to stand in for absent colleagues, attend parent and staff meetings, accept assessment of job performance, lesson preparation and marking homework, and pull their weight in supervising after-school activities such as school teams, clubs and societies.

It was the refusal to carry out these so-called voluntary duties that caused much of the mayhem in the 15-month bout of disruption that came to an uncertain and temporary halt in the spring.

The rise, expected to be paid



Prince launches new youth scheme

The Prince of Wales playing football at the Manchester Business School yesterday where he announced the launch of a new youth enterprise scheme to provide the country with badly needed resources. The Prince's Youth Business Trust will offer seedcorn finance.

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Westland 'disaster' for Tories

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Leon Brittan, the former Trade Secretary who resigned from the Government over his part in the Westland affair, yesterday admitted that the breakdown of Cabinet collective responsibility had been a "disaster" for the Government and strongly attacked his former colleagues, Mr Michael Heseltine, the then Defence Secretary.

"The Government had been 'thwarted at every turn by one of its own members', he said during the Commons debate on the Defence Select Committee's report on Westland.

In a renewed assault on the Prime Minister's conduct during the affair, the Opposition once more demanded Mrs Thatcher's resignation.

Leading the attack, Mr Denis Davies, Labour's defence spokesman, said that the leaking of the letter from the Solicitor General criticising Mr Heseltine, had been an unconstitutional act. By expressing his desire that the contents of the letter should be put into the public domain, Mrs Thatcher had been responsible for warring the means adopted by her civil servants.

To Labour cheers, he said that if the civil servants who leaked the letter had not been acting on her orders then they would be punished. If they were, then she should be punished.

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Falklands fishing zone set by Howe

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, last night announced the setting of a 150-mile fishing zone around the Falklands.

In a move that will clearly worsen Anglo-Argentine relations, he told the Commons that while the Conservation and Management Zone was designed to stop serious overfishing by a number of countries, it had been caused mainly by Argentina.

The zone will be policed by two fisheries protection vessels and a surveillance aircraft, but Sir Geoffrey stressed that "the resources of the garrison remain available to deter Argentine aggression and maintain the integrity of the protection zone."

The extent of the zone has been carefully set so that it does not intrude into waters that Argentina can claim fall within its 200-mile limit. But Sir Geoffrey also emphasised the entitlement of the Falklands, under international law, to its own 200-mile limit.

Mr Denis Healey, the shadow foreign secretary, claimed Sir Geoffrey's statement had emboldened the Government "still deeper in the quagmire of the Falklands commitment".

US report urges huge campaign against Aids

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The American government should start a billion-dollar research and information campaign on Aids to prevent a national catastrophe, according to a major study released yesterday.

The 375-page report, by a panel of American experts, was sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) and the Institute of Medicine. It is said to be the most comprehensive study of the Aids crisis to date.

The report says a co-ordinated programme against Aids would cost \$2 billion (£1.37 billion) annually by the end of the decade.

It says that Aids threatened to kill 50,000 Americans a year by 1991 and would affect an increasing number of heterosexuals and children.

"Sex education in the schools is no longer only advice about reproductive choice," the panel said, "but has now become advice about a life or death matter."

Aids caused "perhaps the most wide-ranging and intensive efforts ever made against an infectious disease".

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New security measures for Cyprus base

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

Three new security measures for the secret communications base in Cyprus were being urgently examined yesterday by the Ministry of Defence.

This follows the Prime Minister giving her full backing to the recommendations of the Security Commission after a major investigation.

The inquiry into allegations of serious security breaches within 9 Signal Regiment, based just outside Ayios Nikolaos in Cyprus, was ordered by Mrs Thatcher following the charging of eight servicemen two years ago under the Official Secrets Act.

The five RAF men and two soldiers of 9 Signal Regiment, were eventually acquitted on all the charges which involved the alleged passing of secrets to the Russian agents. The trial at the Central Criminal Court lasted for 107 days in closed session last October.

The Security Commission, which admitted in its report published yesterday that the acquittals had placed them in a difficult situation, continued with the inquiry because a team led by the Security Service M15 had already identified possible matters of concern in Cyprus and had made their own "wide ranging" recommendations.

In its report yesterday, the Security Commission, headed by Lord Griffiths, made three new recommendations:

● That there should be random security checks of baggage and clothing, including the pockets of personnel coming out of the base and occasional body "frisking".

● That, so far as possible, postings of very young servicemen and women to Cyprus or to other sensitive locations should be avoided.

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Hurd calls urgent Bamber inquiry

By Michael Horswell

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, yesterday ordered an urgent report from the Chief Constable of Essex on the Bamber murder investigation amid growing concern over police handling of the case.

As MPs called for an independent inquiry Mr Hurd said that after receiving the report he will consult Sir Lawrence Byford, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary, on what action he should take.

It was Sir Lawrence who conducted the official inquiry into the police handling of the "Yorkshire Ripper" case in 1981.

The Home Secretary is expected to make a statement to Parliament after discussing the case with Sir Lawrence.

Mr Robert Bunyard, Chief Constable of Essex police since 1978, welcomed Mr Hurd's call for a report, which is expected within days, but praised his investigating officers and blamed the press for creating "false impressions" over the police handling of the inquiry.

Bamber, aged 25, received five life sentences on Tuesday for murdering his adoptive parents, June and Nevill Bamber, both aged 61, his step-sister Sheila Caffell, aged 27, and her twin sons Nicholas and Daniel, aged six, at White House Farm, the family home in Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex, in August last year, so he could

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Libby Purves on why an Englishman's castle is not his home without an English dog

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Joel Garner, the Somerset cricketer, severely criticized the country's captain, Peter Roebuck, and the club, alleging mismanagement and bad captaincy Page 46

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Labour's divided left loses in poll

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The influence of the Labour left was weakened further yesterday as two prominent parliamentary figures, including Mr Robin Cook, Mr Neil Kinnock's chief campaign strategist, were voted out of the party's Shadow Cabinet.

The two main left groups, Tribune and Campaign, were angrily blaming each other after elections which saw the centre-right consolidate its hold but left Mr Kinnock satisfied with his authority entrenched.

The left's poor showing resulted from the failure of the two groups to agree a joint slate because of the Campaign Group's insistence that MPs should have votes recorded.

Out went Mr Cook, a severe reverse after his fifth place last year and Mr Robert Hughes, the transport spokesman. In came Dr David Clark, increasing the representation of the centre-right among the 15 elected places from nine to 10, and Mr Bryan Gould, of the soft left, who won votes from all wings because of his widely respected ability as spokesman on trade and industry.

Mr John Prescott and Mr Michael Meacher suffered serious drops in support, with Mr Meacher, health and social security spokesman, falling to fifteenth place. Mr Tony Benn secured only 50 votes.

Mr Meacher lost out because of differences with Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's shadow chancellor, over the costing of programmes. Mr

Shadow Cabinet list

Cook also suffered from the fact that he is not popular and because he is often away from the Commons and has had no opportunity to shine on the front bench.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, home affairs spokesman, finished top of the poll again. Mr John Smith, chief trade and industry spokesman, rose from seventh to second place, a reward for his skilled performances during the Westland and Leyland affairs. Another surprise was the rise from thirteenth to third place of Mr Denis Davies, defence spokesman.

Mr Gould is seen as a rising star. Although Mr Kinnock does not intend a substantial reshuffle, it is thought that he will want to give Mr Gould an important portfolio.

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Hand grenade caused Thai jet blast

From David Watts, Tokyo

A hand grenade smuggled on board caused the explosion on the Thai International Airbus A300 which made an emergency landing at Osaka last weekend, police said yesterday.

They suspect the grenade was taken on to the aircraft by a Japanese gangster, probably during the stop in Manila on the flight from Bangkok.

Officials of the manufacturers, Airbus Industrie, were at Osaka airport yesterday when police examined more than 40 tiny holes and scratches in the aircraft's skin, which are believed to have been caused by the explosion of an American-made M26A2 grenade or something similar.

Metal fragments and powder which the police picked up from the aircraft's fuselage are incompatible with metal used in the airliner.

A man who was found injured in the toilet after the explosion is being questioned by Osaka police. He was rescued after being caught, head-first in the hole made in the floor of the aircraft's toilet compartment.

The Philippines is a favourite source of weapons and explosives for Japanese gangsters. Since January this year Osaka police have uncovered 52 cases of smuggling guns and hemp through Osaka airport.

The injured man was drunk when taken off the aircraft and the suspicion is that whoever caused the explosion may have gone to the toilet to hide the grenade on his person before arrival in Osaka.

Green Shield millionaire brings back stamps

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Green Shield stamps, a high street phenomenon for 25 years through the Sixties and Seventies, are on the way back, on offer from the man who originated them.

Mr Richard Tompkins, now aged 68 and a multi-millionaire, is putting out for sale of £10 million from his private resources into a February re-launch to support his belief that the time has come around again for the trading stamp.

"A return to low annual inflation has changed the climate completely," he said, and blamed the years of high inflation, especially in the latter half of the Seventies, for the demise of the green stamp.

He added: "People quite simply got fed up with the whole thing. Savings stamps became a bore. Inflation killed Cock Robin and nearly me too."

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NEWS SUMMARY

Ivory tower gibe angers LSE chief

The Director of the London School of Economics, Mr. Kenneth Baker, has taken the Secretary of State for Education and Science to task for his accusations last week that academics are living in ivory towers (Our Education Reporter writes).

Mr. Kenneth Baker's comments to the Lords select committee on science and technology are known to have angered many dons.

In a letter to him, Mr. Baker says that Mr. Baker's evidence "reveals an apparent lack of awareness of the extent of successful collaboration between universities and industry".

Offering the LSE as an example, he draws attention to the fact that 23 per cent of the school's research funding comes from commerce and industry.

Academics are leading existences which are far from cloistered, he says, with many of them acting as consultants to industry and Whitehall.

Video is censored The British Board of Film Censors has for the first time watched and censored a computer game. *Dreadnought*, a horror game from the software publishers, CRL, has been issued displaying a 15 certificate - warning people that it is unsuitable for children.

The censors viewed the game at the request of Mr. Clement Chambers, CRL's managing director, who believes all video games should be treated in the same way as films.

Mr. Chambers said vetting would have a good influence on content.

Immigration attack The immigration system was out of control and accountable only to itself, according to the annual report of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, released yesterday.

The report said that in a year in which "the priorities and beliefs of officials set the agenda, and during which their role in tightening control was rarely challenged", many more Asian families were separated because of increasingly restrictive procedures and questioning.

It said there had been a big rise in the use of arbitrary powers to detain and remove people alleged to be illegal entrants. Officers were choosing to treat overstayers as illegal entrants, thus denying them proper rights of appeal.

Vanished Alice The curious tale of a vanishing schoolgirl actress has stunned the BBC. It is hunting Anne-Marie Mallik, who starred in a production of *Alice in Wonderland* when she was 14.

As part of its fiftieth anniversary, the BBC is repeating the programme next Sunday and wants to give "Alice" her fee - but she has disappeared.

Anne-Marie gave up acting after the part and later went to Cambridge University, apparently to read law. Inquiries at the Law Society have drawn a blank.

Deadly isle cleansed A small Scottish island which was infected with a deadly farm disease during germ warfare experiments in 1942 could soon be safe.

The Ministry of Defence said yesterday that decontamination spraying on Gruinard had been completed and in eight weeks soil samples would be taken for analysis.

However, the island, which is 50 miles west of Inverness, is expected to remain forbidden territory for at least a year, to ensure that all traces of the anthrax spores are eliminated.

A suspected case of anthrax was being investigated by the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday after the death of a cow at Wall Hope Farm, Tidenham, Gloucestershire.

Social attitudes The survey measures a significant trend to the left among all respondents on welfare and defence. Those saying Britain should keep nuclear weapons fell from 77 per cent in 1983 to 68 per cent in 1985.

There has been an increase since 1983 in the proportion preferring an increase in taxes rather than cuts in spending on health, education or social benefits.

Almost unchanged since last year is the somewhat surprising finding that most of the population (55 per cent) believes that Russia and America are equally great threats to world peace. Since 1984, the majority against American cruise missiles remains unchanged, with 53 per cent saying they make Britain less safe. Although most people still favour Britain's possession of its independent nuclear deterrent, the margin has declined from 60 per cent to 54 per cent between 1983 and 1985.

And there has been a marked increase in unilateralism from 1983 and 1985, from 19 per cent to 27 per cent, with the change particularly marked among Labour supporters. Almost one quarter of the population believes a nuclear war between Russia and the West is very or quite likely before the end of the century.

More than three-quarters of the sample favours capital punishment for murders connected with terrorism. 71 per cent for murders of policemen and two-thirds for other murders.

British Social Attitudes: the 1986 Report (Ed. Roger Jowell. Sharon Witherspoon and Lindsay Brook. Gower Publishing Co. Ltd. £25, hardback; £12, paperback).

changes are for the better. Since 1983, there has been a slight diminution of concern about the threat posed to the environment by pollution. During that period there has been an increase (from 15 per cent to 23 per cent) in support for the construction of more nuclear power stations.

But the report says, the Chernobyl disaster had not happened when the fieldwork was completed in 1985. Also, minor accidents at Sellafield have since been reported and local concern has arisen about moves to examine sites for the disposal of nuclear waste.

Nearly half the sample thinks the countryside has changed a lot in the past 20 years, just under a quarter thinks there has been some change and about one-fifth thinks it much the same. Suburbanites, those living in the margin between city and country, are particularly likely to think that the countryside has changed.

Of every 10 respondents, only one in 10 thought the countryside was more likely to have a critical view of modern farming methods.

About a third professed themselves personally very concerned and a third "a bit concerned". The data suggests that all parties would benefit from the adoption of policies to protect the countryside.

Pollution, whether industrial or agricultural, is seen as the greatest threat, with two-thirds of the sample agreeing that modern farming methods damage the countryside. Interestingly, the survey says,

those who live in the country are more likely to have a critical view of modern farming methods.

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YTS accused of failing to help jobless

By Jill Sherman

The Government's Youth Training Scheme has failed to improve job prospects for young people, the youth employment organization, Youthaid, claims today.

Its detailed analysis of Manpower Services Commission surveys since the scheme began in 1983, shows that nationally fewer than six out of 10 YTS leavers get work, nearly one in three join the jobless queue and one in 10 goes into education, or "something else".

Barely a third of black YTS leavers are able to find work within three months, the report says. It also shows that four out of five young people leave without any recognized qualification and a half do not even get the YTS's own internal certificate.

Those who entered the scheme with an O level had the best chance of a job. Fewer than half those who had no qualification when they joined YTS got a job at the end.

"People who are black, people who live outside the inner South-east, people who have no qualifications, all suffer discrimination in the labour market. The new analysis shows that the YTS failed the very people it was designed to help," Mr. Paul Lewis, the Youthaid director, said.

But the Manpower Services Commission yesterday claimed that Youthaid had based its figures on the YTS one-year scheme which was replaced by the two-year scheme last April.

"Most of the things that Youthaid has picked up we are already tackling," the MSC said.

"Research due to be published next month shows that nearly three quarters of those on YTS in September 1984 were in a full-time job 18 months later."

Mr. Lewis attacked government plans to introduce tests for availability for work, which he said would discourage young people from studying while they were waiting for work.

Lord Young of Gifford, Secretary of State for Employment, yesterday defended the 12-point questionnaire which will ask all new claimants about the work they are looking for, whether they are prepared to travel, and what steps they have taken to find jobs.

Speaking on the *Jimmy Young Show* on Radio 2 Lord Young denied opposition claims that the scheme was merely a figure massaging exercise to get people off the unemployment queue.

"There are not going to be 200,000 people coming off the register. But the present figure is swollen by people who should not be on it."

Libya sends weapons and £1m to IRA

By Richard Ford

Security forces in Northern Ireland suspect that Libya provided more than £1 million for the political and military operations of the Provisional IRA last year and also supplied much-needed weapons.

In the republic, officials are convinced that 700 rounds of ammunition, a rifle and revolver discovered in a plane at Dublin airport a year ago came from Libya.

Yesterday the Irish government instructed its ambassador in Rome, Mr. Eamon Kennedy, to seek assurances from the Libyan People's Bureau that Libya would not offer cash or weapons to the Provisionals.

Mr. Peter Barry, Minister for Foreign Affairs, said diplomatic relations were at an all-time low because of Colonel Gaddafi's reiteration of support for the Provisionals and that though the republic wished to continue links with the people of Libya it would be prepared to break off relations.

Meanwhile, the opposition leader, Mr. Charles Haughey, was in the embarrassing position of being described by the Libyan leader as a "friend" whom he hoped would win the next general election. With an election due before November 1987, it is the kind of endorsement Mr. Haughey, who met the Libyan leader two years ago, can do without.

Colonel Gaddafi refused to say if he had supplied arms to the Provisionals directly but added: "We are obliged to support the cause because we think it is a just cause."

He said that if he was leader in the South he would consider Northern Ireland as a colony and would fight to "liberate that part of my country". Colonel Gaddafi called on young people in the North and South to take part in the "struggle for liberation".

It is the second time this year that Colonel Gaddafi has reaffirmed support for the Provisionals but of more concern to the British and Irish governments is the belief that he is financing his growing

political and military campaigns.

This year, 140 Soviet-made assault rifles and German-made weapons were discovered in three arms dumps in Co. Roscommon and Co. Sligo in crates marked "Libyan Armed Forces", but this was thought to be a deliberate attempt to divert attention from the real source.

The link between Colonel Gaddafi and the Provisionals began in 1972. This led to an attempt to smuggle five tons of Russian-made weapons, mines and explosives into the republic aboard the *Claudia* in 1973. That failed when the Irish Navy intercepted the boat.

But the links deteriorated after "loyalist" paramilitaries sent a delegation to Tripoli and persuaded the government that the troubles in Northern Ireland were not simply a war of liberation.

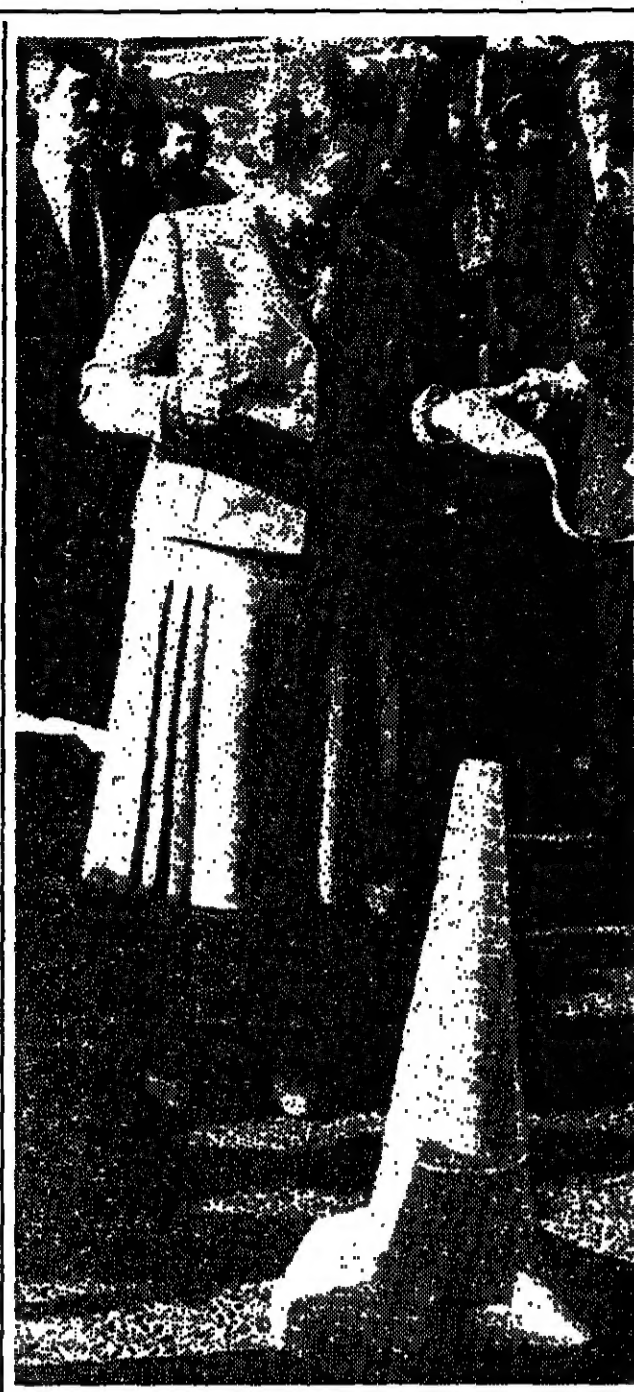
The suspicion that the connection has been resumed is based on threats by Colonel Gaddafi to renew support for the Provisionals after the murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher outside the Libyan People's Bureau in London and the expulsion of Libyan diplomats.

Meanwhile security forces in Northern Ireland are on full alert for an upsurge in Provisional IRA violence before this weekend's conference in Dublin of its political wing.

With the Provisional Sinn Féin leadership hoping to persuade delegates to allow elected representatives to sit in the Dail, police fear the military men will attempt to demonstrate that the campaign of terror will continue undiminished.

In Ballybay, Co. Monaghan, today there will be tight security for the court appearance of Mr. Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the DUP, on charges arising out of a loyalist incursion into the south in the summer. It is expected that the State will apply to have the case transferred to the non-jury special criminal court in Dublin.

British and Irish ministers met tomorrow in London to discuss border security.



Mrs Thatcher cutting a ribbon to open the last section (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Thatcher opens last M25 link

By Rodney Cowton

The Prime Minister yesterday opened the final section of the M25 and attacked those who had criticized the "magnificent British achievement".

Mrs Thatcher said the 117 mile ring road was one of the State's greatest highways. She cut a ribbon at 11.15am and even helped to remove a row of traffic cones, but it was not until 1pm that police allowed ordinary vehicles on to the new section, which links the M1 to the A1 at South Mimms in Hertfordshire.

The first breakdowns occurred within a minute - it happened close to where Mr. John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, was giving an interview. However, a large police presence ensured that the car was removed before a hold-up could develop.

The opening of the new section brings the interchange between the M25 and the M1 into full use - for the last two weeks it has only been open to traffic travelling from the west along the M25.

The interchange, which is expected to handle about 150,000 vehicles a day, does not maintain full motorway standards for all users. Motorists making certain turnings have to use a short section of A405 dual carriageway before getting back on to the motorway.

One of those closely involved in the building of the intersection said that where turnings were only likely to be lightly used it had not been thought worth the cost of giving them an unbroken motorway connection.

The new section of the M25 has cost an estimated £4 million a kilometre to build because of special measures to protect the environment.

By mid-afternoon the M25 had visibly taken over from the A405 as the main East-West artery in the area, but a filling station attendant at Chiswell Green near St Albans, said that traffic was still coming off the M25 for fuel, because the motorway has no service stations in use.

After the opening Mr. Moore announced that various types of fog detector and warning systems were to be tried out over the next two winters, and the chosen system would be installed at 30 fog-prone sites on the M25. The system would then be assessed to determine whether it should be installed on other motorways.

Mr. Jonathan Savery, the Bristol teacher at the centre of racism allegations earlier this year, has been removed from his post at Merrywood Boys School.

Mr. Savery continues to be on the payroll of Avon County Council but has received no explanation for the termination of his £9,000 a year appointment.

He appeared on the same platform as the former Bradford headteacher, Mr. Ray Honeyford, at Bristol University last Thursday.

Mr. Savery said yesterday: "I have no feeling of animosity and feel enormous respect for the school. Perhaps the school is being mindful of the effects of all the publicity I have been attracting."

However, he added that he could not rule out the possibility that the local education authority was succumbing to pressure from militant members of the National Union of Teachers at the Avon Multi-cultural Centre.

Avon County Council said Mr. Savery was expected to receive an official explanation of the decision in a few days.

Mr. Savery attracted criticism after writing an article for the *Salisbury Review* in July 1985, describing anti-racism as the new witchcraft of the left. The criticism came from a powerful section of staff within an anti-racist subgroup calling itself MACAW (Multi-cultural Education Afro-Caribbean and Asian Workers' Group).

He was subsequently cleared of allegations of racism by a local authority disciplinary panel in May.

Knowsley North by-election

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

The Labour Party last night officially accused the Militant Tendency of corruption and law-breaking in the Knowsley North by-election.

Mr. Ray Gill, the party's North-west regional officer, called on the election returning officer to investigate a Militant leaflet which he claimed contravened the Representation of the People Act.

The handbill, widely circulated in the Merseyside constituency, advertised a Militant meeting tonight and calls on Tendency supporters to vote for Mr. George Howarth, the Labour candidate, in the poll on November 13.

Under electoral law, expenditure promoting a parliamentary candidate can be incurred only by an election agent or authorized by him in writing, Mr. Gill said.

In a letter to Mr. Richard Penn, the Knowsley North electoral registration officer, he asked for an immediate inquiry into the activities of Militant for allegedly breaking the law.

In a separate letter to Mr. Gill said its action could be judged to be corrupt practice and he demanded that it withdrew the leaflets.

Militant yesterday invited Mr. Howarth, the Labour candidate, to attend its rally this evening, which will be addressed by three Tendency supporters expelled from the Labour Party.

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Charter to protect consumers criticized

By Sheila Gunn

A consumer charter which will end the sort of struggle for compensation endured by the parents of thalidomide children is to be introduced next month.

The Consumer Protection Bill, to be announced in the Queen's Speech, will make it a criminal offence to supply unsafe goods, and will mean that producers can be sued for any damage caused by their goods. It will also put an end to shops placing bogus price tags on goods for sale at reduced prices.

The Bill is expected to be introduced in the House of Lords early in the new session. Although not considered politically sensitive, it has been criticized by consumer groups for not going far enough.

Its main provisions, governing product liability, backs up an EEC directive calling for an end to the need for consumers to prove negligence. It comes after a 24-year court struggle by 452 children in Britain who were deformed after their mothers were prescribed thalidomide during pregnancy.

Mr. David Trench, legal adviser to the Consumers' Association, said he would fight a loophole by which producers could still avoid penalty by proving that scientific and technological knowledge was such that the extent of the defect could not have been known.

He was also against the exemption of food and vegetables from the list of goods covered by the Bill.

The new law, which is not expected to come into force until 1988, will end the practice, common in some stores, of raising prices and then immediately dropping them to claim that they were bargains at prices often much less than the original.

Individual offers for printers

By Tim Jones

News International is considering offering compensation on an individual basis to all of its 5,500 former employees, who went on strike and were then dismissed.

Earlier this month a ballot of Sogor 82 and the National Graphical Association, the two main print unions involved in the dispute, rejected the company's final offer of compensation of £38million.

The company, which prints its four national titles at its Wapping, east London, said that it would set up a procedure to consider any cases individually.

Now, in view of the number of inquiries from former employees and discussions with senior officials of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas), the company is considering paying compensation to all former employees who apply for it.

In return, the company will require undertakings from the people who apply that they accept the nine-month-old dispute is over and that they will play no further part in it.

The company has emphasized there is no prospect of entering into new talks with the union and is determined to adhere only to the "best, last and final offer" which the unions rejected on October 8.

Under the deal, each dismissed worker whose total earnings were obtained exclusively from the company would receive £820 for each completed year of continuous service with a minimum payment of £2,000. Other workers would receive £620 per year with the same minimum.

Mr. Denis Boyd, the Acas conciliation officer, has written to Mr. Tony Dubbins, general secretary of the NGA, outlining the proposal.

Acas officials have had preliminary talks with officials of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, whose members also rejected the final offer, and plan to meet representatives of Sogor 82, the biggest union involved in the dispute.

Last night, Acas said: "Acas has now taken steps to explain its procedures to the trades unions in dispute with the company and to members who have lodged complaints with the Industrial Tribunal."

Mr. Boyd said: "Acas is automatically informed and can help to reach an agreement between the two parties without recourse to the full tribunal process."

Correction

In yesterday's report concerning the former Ruskin College lecturer, Mr. David Selbourne, it was stated that the Association of University Teachers would be asked to assist him with the proviso that he withdraw his resignation. This was intended as a reference to his decision to resign from the association. Mr. Selbourne has not resigned from his lecturing post at Ruskin.

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Builders tell Prince they are not to blame for inner city decay

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Britain's housebuilders issued a firm denial yesterday to the Prince of Wales' criticism that they were concentrating on building on greenfield sites and leaving the inner cities to decay.

Mr Roger Humber, director of the House Builders Federation, said: "He has got it wrong and has been badly advised."

The federation is writing to the Prince, answering the criticisms made in his speech on Tuesday at a conference organized by the National House Building Council.

While welcoming his concern, the federation points out that it is active in inner city regeneration; has been calling for greater investment in inner cities for the past five years and says that obstacles exist which make the participation of private housebuilders difficult in many ways.

At the same time, Mr Humber said that housebuilders did not apologize for building on greenfield sites, which was in response to demand and reflected changes in the population as well as being in part the result of planning policies to relieve pressure on cities.

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Mr Humber said that without pre-empting the results of that inquiry, the federation had identified a number of obstacles to inner city building. "There has to be a more effective partnership between the public and private sectors, and there must be more public sector pump priming. Much of the work needed to revive the environment of the inner cities, such as providing infrastructure, is unprofitable and the housebuilder cannot do it."

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Mr Humber rejected the implicit criticism that housebuilders were to blame for inner city decay. Bad housing was a symptom of decay not the cause, and until measures were taken to deal with long-term unemployment and the restructuring of the economy, housebuilders were as impotent as other industrialists.

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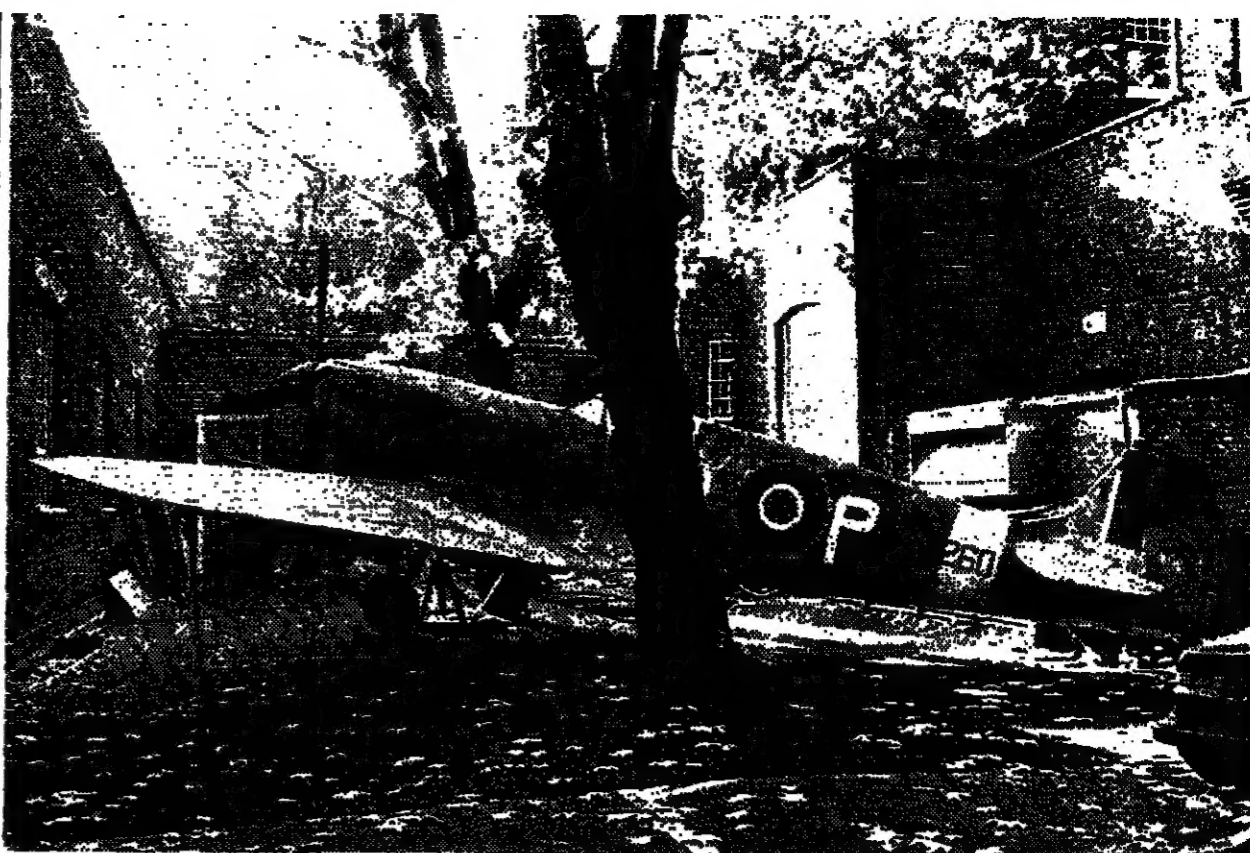
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A 1942 Vickers Supermarine Spitfire Mk IX, which is among historic aircraft to be auctioned by Christie's in London tomorrow, finds a temporary home among the cars in parking space behind the auctioneers in Old Brompton Road, South Kensington. The aircraft, which needs restoring, can be viewed there before the sale. The Spitfire was the creation of Reginald Mitchell. About 350 of the aircraft were in service at the height of the Battle of Britain (Photograph: James Gray).

Plane part may have been worn

Worn parts in a 34-year-old flying display aircraft may have caused the crash which killed 11 of its 14 occupants, according to an official report published yesterday.

The two-engine Vickers Varsity, operated by Leicester Aircraft Preservation Group, was on its way to a flying display at Liverpool on August 19, 1984 when it crashed.

Thirty minutes after leaving East Midlands airport, the pilot reported engine problems. The aircraft lost height, stalled and crashed upside down before bursting into flames at Marchington, near Uttoxeter, Staffordshire.

An official report by the Department of Transport Accidents Investigation Branch said the plane experienced a power loss on both engines.

The left engine failure was caused by a split in a fuel pump diaphragm, which had probably not been examined for 13-14 years. The reason for the right engine failure could not be established, but it was possible there was an ignition failure because of ignition coil breakdown when more boost was required.

The report also noted that the aircraft had suffered a left engine failure in September 1981, only 10 flying hours before the accident.

It said the plane had been regularly maintained but the Civil Aviation Authority had made no requirements about engine overhauls. It pointed out that components such as diaphragms cannot be expected to last indefinitely.

It also suggested that maintenance procedures for historic aircraft should take into account deterioration of components over the years.

Mr Stanger, the film producer, yesterday claimed in the High Court that he is owed \$5 million under a contract described as an "over-generous sweetheart deal".

Mr Stanger, aged 54, was alleged to have struck the deal with Lord Grade's former company, ATV. Now he is suing Lord Grade's successor, Mr Robert Holmes a Court.

Mr Sidney Kenridge, QC, for Mr Stanger, told Mr Justice Mann that his client signed a \$100,000-a-year five year contract from February 1977 to January 1982. The agreement also allowed him additional payment for any films in which he was involved. The contract has been described as a "sweetheart deal".

Mr Kenridge said: "That means it is over-generous to one of the parties and must have been dictated by friendship, here the friendship of Lord Grade for Mr Stanger."

The films for which Mr Stanger is claiming payments include *The Lone Ranger*.

The Bell Group, which has a counter claim, says Mr Stanger had nothing to do with the films and is owed nothing. The hearing continues today.

Tough limit sought on noise

Tough restrictions on aircraft noise are planned by the Government to eliminate older, noisier jets and place strict limits on night flying. The Department of Transport is expected to announce the measures early next year in an attempt to woo environmental groups before the general election.

If noise abatement measures are approved, airlines around the world would be forced to invest heavily in a new generation of quieter aircraft.

Mr Michael Spicer, Under Secretary of State for Transport, speaking to the Foreign Airlines Association in London yesterday, said: "We are currently reviewing several aspects of noise management, including night quotas and a monitoring of track keeping."

"As our airports become busier and busier we must be more and more mindful of the needs of people who live around them."

Mr Spicer disclosed that he is studying ways of phasing out what are known as Chapter Two aircraft, including older versions of Boeing 727s and 737s, after being encouraged by the success of anti-noise legislation which has led to a big fall in noise pollution around Heathrow Airport.

But at the same time, British Midland Airways disclosed yesterday that it would be pressing for noise restrictions at the new airport in London's docklands to be eased to allow for services by jet aircraft.

In announcing plans for a new business airline to fly from the docklands to cities throughout Europe, Mr Michael Bishop, chairman of the airline, said he would be lobbying for noise limits to be eased to permit flights by British Aerospace (BAe) 146 jets.

The new airline, to be known as Eurocity Express, will initially operate a Canadian-built De Havilland Dash 7 four-engine propeller-driven aircraft. Permission is being sought for services to Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, Rotterdam, Guernsey, Jersey, Dusseldorf and Manchester.

Mr Bishop admitted that strong lobbying would be essential if the objections were to be overcome. But he said the noise difference between the Dash 7 and the 146 was so small there was a strong case for relaxing the present rules.

A new centre for light business aviation, costing £60 million and creating up to 2,000 jobs, is to be built at Farnborough, Hampshire, by a consortium led by the Carroll Group, McAlpine Aviation and Plessey Airports.

Portfolio Gold—Five join band of winners

Five readers share yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mrs Helen Thompson, aged 75, a housewife from Lymington, Hampshire, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started.

"It is unbelievable," she said, "I asked a friend to double-check my calculations before I phoned The Times to claim my prize."

Asked how she intended spending her prize money, Mrs Thompson said: "I'll have to think about it."

Mrs Constance Betts, aged 67, a housewife from West Wickham in Kent said she was "very happy" about winning a Portfolio Gold share.

"We don't count ourselves a very lucky household, and I've never won anything before."

Mrs Betts said she would spend the prize money on renovations to the family home and a holiday.

Another winner, Mrs Elizabeth Whiteside, aged 55, a teacher from St Albans, celebrated her wedding anniversary yesterday.

A delighted Mr Peter Dalton, aged 32, a Civil Servant from Surbiton, Surrey, said he will spend his prize money on home renovations.

The fifth winner was Mr Graham Shepherd, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Readers who wish to play the game can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:

Portfolio Gold, PO Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.

Mrs Elizabeth Whiteside: anniversary surprise.

Private finance to help with low-rent homes

By Our Property Correspondent

The Government yesterday announced a new housing finance scheme which will help homeless people and those moving to find jobs.

For the first time public and private money will be used to provide low-cost housing for rent. Mr John Patten, Minister for Housing, Urban Affairs and Construction, said this was a "major breakthrough in housing finance".

He said that schemes being developed by housing associations and the Government will use up to 30 per cent public money.

The housing associations, with grants from the Housing Corporation, build 15,000 homes a year, and the injection of private money could triple the number. Until this new initiative any scheme involving private finance received no Housing Corporation grant.

Mr Patten, speaking at the annual conference of the National Housing and Town Planning Council in Bournemouth, said the Government would also make more money available to the Housing Corporation for distribution to the associations in 1987-88.

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BT warned about cost of local calls

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

British Telecom was yesterday warned not to make big increases in the charges for local telephone calls.

Professor Bryan Carsberg, director general of Telecommunications, the government watchdog for the industry, said: "If BT proposes such increases, I shall certainly look at them critically and searchingly."

In his review of British Telecom's proposed local call charges, he also said that the large jump in peak rate local call prices which are going up by 18.9 per cent and would have liked to see a more gradual transition, though the local increase is justified on grounds of costs.

The change in the peak price was much greater than I would have liked to see in one step," Professor Carsberg said.

British Telecom was unable to avoid the sharp jump because some of its exchanges can only alter unit call times in 30-second steps. BT has now agreed to modify its metering systems.

While not expecting such a big increase again for local calls, British Telecom said yesterday that it saw some scope for further rebalancing of charges, particularly as the probability of long distance calls was increasing at a faster rate than for local calls.

British Telecom is criticized for not doing enough to explain the significance and effect to customers of the complex price changes. Home phone users need to be aware of the benefits of making calls in the evening and of the great increase in cost when a call goes over the time allowed for one unit, the review says.

With this weekend's changes, the average domestic user faces a 1.9 per cent increase in cost, while the average business customer's costs will decrease. In its last financial year British Telecom made pre-tax profits of £1.81 billion.

Until privatization local calls were subsidised by long distance calls but this cross-subsidy is now being removed as part of British Telecom's efforts to compete with its rival, Mercury Communications. This weekend, some long distance calls will be up to 17 per cent cheaper.

Professor Carsberg says he is satisfied that rebalancing has not been carried beyond the point justified by costs, but that the rates of return from trunk and local calls will now be about the same. He adds: "I

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Westland debate

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Younger accepts Westland committee defence analysis

The Westland affair powerfully reinforced the wisdom of successive governments in generally abiding by the rule of collective responsibility. Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, said what he opened the debate on Westland, the helicopter firm.

He added: "That message, underlined by the unhappiness of two ministerial resignations, will long be remembered when so much else in our current political controversy has faded."

Mr Younger said that the Government agreed with much of the analysis made by the Select Committee on Defence of the defence implications of the future of Westland, but there were points on which the Government could not go the whole way with the committee.

The committee rightly pointed out that the helicopter had an established place in maritime and land-warfare, and that its existing range of capabilities was gradually being extended.

It had its vulnerabilities, however, and was not yet able to replace an entire capability in the land-air battle. For example, attack helicopters must complement ground-based, long-range, direct-fire weapons rather than replacing them.

Against that background, the committee's comment that quantity had been sacrificed for quality was a little severe.

It was true that there were 850 helicopters in the three services now, compared with 940 in 1975, but the reduction was not large and the overall capability had increased through acquisition by all three services of new and more powerful types.

The record showed that the Ministry of Defence had given the helicopter a good priority in the defence programme and to have built up capability in a key arm of warfare.

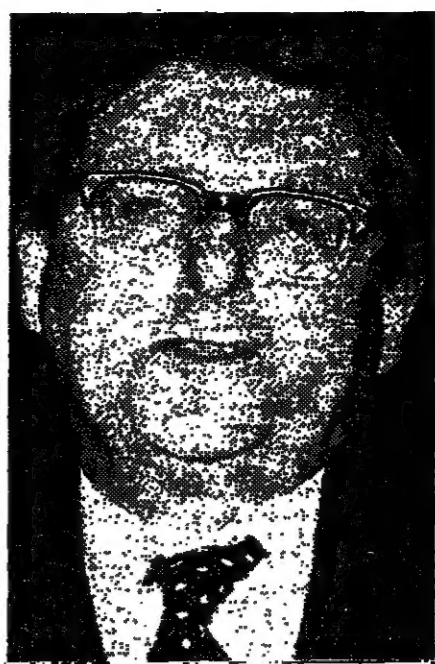
Improved types also featured prominently in the future programme. The Government was firmly committed to the new anti-submarine helicopter.

There was a requirement for a new light-attack helicopter in the anti-tank role to replace Lynx fitted with Tow. Its entry to service was planned for the late 1990s and the programme was at an earlier stage than EH101, but good progress was being made.

With Italy, the Netherlands and Spain, the United Kingdom had recently signed two memoranda of understanding: one for laying down a framework for collaboration on the Agusta A129 light-attack helicopter and the other covering a joint feasibility and cost definition study which was expected to start shortly and would take two years to complete.

The most difficult issue facing the defence ministry was that of support helicopters.

The experience of exercise Lionheart and the new thinking it had stimulated about the Army's helicopter needs had made it necessary for the defence staff to go back to the drawing board and to undertake a fundamental study to review the military requirement for support helicopters. That study was looking ahead to the year 2010.



The main actors in the Westland story, which was debated by the Commons today, were (from left): Mr Michael Heseltine, Mr Bernard Ingham, Miss Colette Bowe, Sir Patrick Mayhew and Mr Leon Brittan.

"It is considering what changes in support roles and capabilities can be expected up to that date, how support-helicopter assets can be used most effectively to fulfil those roles and, in the light of this, what the best force mix would be. On the basis of this a force mix is to be recommended."

The committee's preliminary view that there was a good case for fulfilling a fully air-mobile brigade was being borne in mind in the studies.

They accepted the importance of resolving such matters quickly and would continue work on the military issues as rapidly as possible. They could not state military requirements in a financial vacuum when resources were tight.

We should have been filling in our duty we had faced the difficult and complex judgments about military needs in order to rush to procurement of hardware. That would have been fair neither to the services, nor to the taxpayer.

It would be wrong to underestimate the upheaval which would be caused by adopting the committee's suggestion that the Army as user of support helicopters should be given responsibility for all of them.

While it would be wrong to become complacent, the Falklands campaign had demonstrated the ability of all three services to work effectively in integrated operations.

Mr Younger said the select committee had also addressed the defence industrial base and Westland's place in it.

In terms of employees, Westland was a relatively small company compared with the giants of the defence industry such as GEC and BAe.

But it was the only domestic source of helicopters and, as a result, one of the relatively few companies to which the Ministry of Defence paid more than £100 million a year.

There always has been and continues to be a close relationship between the MOD and Westland, he said.

Falklands given fishing cordon

FISHING

The Government has unilaterally established a 150-mile fishing zone around the coast of the Falkland Islands. Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, announced in a statement to the Commons.

At the same time, he said, they were declaring the entitlement of the Falklands, under international law, to a fisheries limit of 200 miles, subject to delimitation with Argentina.

There had been a rapid increase in fishing in the south-west Atlantic and the serious impact on fish stocks had aroused widespread concern. Accordingly a study was launched at the Food and Agriculture Organization.

From the outset Britain took the view that the problem would best be solved on a collaborative basis. "In public," he went on, "and directly to the Argentine Government, I made clear our view that a solution without prejudice to our respective positions on sovereignty could and should be found."

Some fishing nations had not co-operated with the FAO study and its preparation had been delayed. Pending completion of the study, Britain took steps by voluntary means to reduce the impact of the fishing effort.

He continued: "Argentina has pursued a different course, and the actions have undermined the multilateral approach."

Argentina has embarked on aggressive patrolling more than 200 miles from Patagonia and within 200 miles of the Falklands.

Unlawful use of force by Argentina led in one case to loss of life and the sinking of a vessel.

Argentina has concluded bilateral fisheries agreements with the Soviet Union and Bulgaria.

Through these agreements Argentina purports to exercise jurisdiction that is a matter of international law the entitlement of the Falkland Islands.

These agreements are incompatible with the multilateral initiative.

In sum, the Argentine Government's recent actions show an indifference to conservation needs and a preference for obstruction rather than co-operation.

The Government are determined that there should be adequate protection for the fishery. In view of the failure of approach, we have therefore decided to establish unilaterally a conservation and management regime.

Fishing within the conservation zone would be licensed by the Falklands Government and they would use their own protection vessels and a surveillance aircraft. British Forces on the islands would continue to deter Argentine aggression and maintain the integrity of the protection zone.

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said the Foreign Secretary had made a very serious statement which embedded the Government still deeper in the quagmire of the Falklands commitment.

The announcement was bound to make negotiations with the Argentine more difficult and reduce still further the minuscule minority of governments in the United Nations which supported the British position on this issue.

The Foreign Secretary had just announced the unilateral imposition of a fishing zone around the Falklands, something which he told the House on March 15 last year was not justified. Then he drew attention to the practical and political problems of policing such a zone, a zone which comprised some 70,000 square miles of ocean in part overlapping the zone already established by Argentina.

He had dumped the responsibility for policing such a zone on the people of the Falklands, who were half the population of the average parish in the United Kingdom.

Did he regard the Falklands Government as being free to use force in imposing this unilateral decision against any fishing vessel which might without its agreement fish in the zone?

Sir Geoffrey Howe said it was in the face of the action by the Argentine Government that the British Government reached the conclusion that a unilateral regime must be imposed this time.

Britain's poor reputation undeserved

HOUSE OF LORDS

A reputation for Britain as Europe's biggest polluter is undeserved, Lord Skelmersdale, Under-Secretary of State for Environment, said during question time in the Lords.

He said that the Government hoped to use the British presidency of the Council of the EEC to advance discussions on acid rain, with a view to promoting agreement to a package of measures which would be generally acceptable to member states.

Proposals for tackling the problem had been under discussion within the European Community for some time, but no agreement had been reached because of the widely divergent views of different member states.

Lord Ardwick (Lab), who raised the issue, asked: Now that the Government admit the link between sulphur emission and acid deposition, will it bring forward a target for a reduction in line with other European countries?

Lord Skelmersdale: I assume he is referring to whether or not the United Kingdom should join the 30 per cent club. We recognise the importance of the club as a symbol of international concern about acid rain. However, being a member does not necessarily mean we are doing more than being a non-member.

We had reduced sulphur dioxide emissions by 24 per cent before the club started in 1980. We have therefore done more than some members of the club, which were still increasing emissions during the 1970s. We are keeping possible membership of the club under continuing review.

Lord Dean of Beaulieu (Lab): We are still have a reputation of being the biggest polluters in Europe. When can we expect substantial progress to eliminate this entirely?

Lord Skelmersdale: We have a reputation which is undeserved. We in fact produce 66 kilos of sulphur per person per annum, which is 25 per cent less than Spain and the United States and 15 per cent less than Finland and Luxembourg. Some 240 kilos a person are emitted from East Germany every year.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Financial Services Bill, Lords amendments. First day.

Lords (3): Education Bill and Salmon Bill, Commons amendments.

Ministers inflicting grave damage on our interests, says British Council chief

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Sir John Burgh, director-general of the British Council, yesterday painted a vivid picture of the decline in Britain's standing overseas, accusing the Government of inflicting grave damage on Britain's interests by ignoring the importance of international cultural relations.

In evidence to the foreign affairs select committee, Sir John also disclosed that the Government has rejected the council's plea for an extra £4.5 million next year in a grant that has declined by more than 20 per cent in real terms since 1979.

In an emotional *cri de coeur* to the committee, he argued that "it matters" that only a "paltry" number of overseas students were now studying in Britain, that in Uruguay the French had managed to have English replaced as the language taught in schools, and that in West Germany "even intelligent and educated people have built up an image of Britain consisting of football

bootleggers, decline, racial prejudice and archaic traditions". Yet his repeated requests for more money had been refused because the Government simply did not appreciate the long-term worth of cultural relations. That worth was quantifiable, but "invaluable", he said, and there was a desperate need for "vision and imagination".

Accompanying submissions from the British Council chart not only the decline in Britain's own cultural work overseas, but also the sharp increase of other developed countries in this field.

They show that Britain will spend £216 million on cultural relations this year, compared to Germany's £568 million and France's £739 million. Even in Japan direct government spending exceeded that of Britain.

Overseas students studying in Britain — "a powerful means of spreading British influence and improving future trade prospects" — have de-

clined by 38 per cent to just 56,121 since 1979. In France there are now 128,000 overseas students studying, while Japan has set a target of 100,000 by the end of the century. Of 40,000 Jordanians studying abroad, only 690 were in Britain.

As other countries seized the initiative, government cuts had caused the British Council to cut its total staff by 6.5 per cent to 4,170 since 1979, with 370 posts going in Britain and 60 overseas.

"The position has now been reached where the funding of council programmes is so low that any further cuts must necessarily lead to cuts in the network of overseas offices or a reduction in the already meagre support for operational activities."

A large amount of extra funding was needed, but "the sums involved are tiny in the context of overall public expenditure, the burden on Britain would be that of all proportion to the cost".

Bank obeys but fails to satisfy

By Our Political Reporter

The Bank of England appeared yesterday to have averted temporarily a constitutional clash with Parliament by complying with a demand for information from a select committee. But it again supplied only the sparsest facts.

The trade and industry committee had asked for details of documents shown to the bank by the Department of Trade and Industry which it believes will show the extent of government responsibility for the tin crisis that led to one of the biggest commercial disasters in history.

The response from Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the bank's governor, has not yet been released, but at a meeting of the committee yesterday the acting chairman, Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, described it as "remarkably economical".

He read out an extract which said merely: "May, 1984: one document. May, 1985: working document."

The committee, which has shown great persistence in the face of endless stonewalling by ministers and civil servants, must now decide whether to make a new order for information from the bank.

At yesterday's meeting MPs turned their anger on Mr Giles Shaw, the new Minister for Industry, demanding to know why his predecessors had refused to show the committee documents that they had been ready to show to the bank.

Mr Shaw said that the Government was bound by treaty to keep the documents confidential.

But when he admitted that the Government had "not explicitly" sought the permission of the International Tin Council to show them to the bank, MPs said that the Government had already breached the agreement.

"If you were willing to break the rules in that position, then surely the argument that you could not break the rules to give the documents to a House of Commons committee falls on a very, very weak ground," Sir Peter Emery said.

The committee also sought, unsuccessfully, to find out why the Government had warned brokers of the looming crisis but not the banks or the Cornish tin mine workers.

Mr Shaw agreed that that was "a key question", but said he would have to take advice before answering it.

Journalists vote to keep lobby system

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Parliamentary Lobby journalists have voted in favour of retaining the present system of unattributable briefings with Downing Street spokesmen.

The voting, announced yesterday, was 67 in favour of keeping the system and 55 against.

However, by a majority of 10, that is, 68 votes to 58, journalists voted for an inquiry into the rules of the lobby. It is expected to be completed before the state opening of Parliament.

The closeness of the vote surprised many journalists. Miss Julia Langdon, the lobby chairman, said: "The closeness of the vote indicates that there are a large number of people in the lobby in favour of change. But I think that the majority reflects the fact that the existing system, even if unsatisfactory, is better than no briefings at all."

Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's press secretary, has indicated that he would not be prepared to give briefings on an attributable basis.

Scots Tory peers defeat Government

A rebellion by Scottish Conservative peers last night severely dented the Government's attempt to speed up the sale of homes to sitting tenants in Scotland.

Scottish Conservatives joined Labour, Alliance and independent peers in voting to stop new charitable housing associations being forced to offer their properties to tenants. Voting was 144 to 99 — majority against, 45.

The Government is expected to accept such a decisive defeat.

Tebbit attacks paper-ban councils

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Labour councils that ban News International titles from their libraries because of the Wapping printworkers dispute are aping the "book burning of Nazi Germany", Mr Norman Tebbit said yesterday.

The Tory chairman's onslaught on press censorship came in a speech to editors of regional newspapers in London. He said that his constituents

in Chingford, Essex, could not read *The Times* and the company's other titles because of this "crude form of political gross censorship" imposed by the borough council.

Mr Tebbit said the Government could claim part of the credit for the technological revolution transforming Fleet Street and extending the "priceless asset" of freedom of the press.

No longer could "reactionary and bloody-minded" unions call strikes without a ballot with impunity. And at the News International plant in Wapping, East London, a violent and irresponsible blockade by the print unions, aided by "hoodlums" ready to seize any opportunity to attack the police, had failed to stop production and distribution of the company's titles.

EEC measures condemned as shamefully trivial

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Sir Geoffrey Howe came under attack for the "shamefully trivial" measures taken by the EEC against South Africa during Commons questions.

The Foreign Secretary said that the 12 had agreed on September 16 a package of measures designed to send a strong signal to the South African Government on the urgent need for fundamental change.

Mr Peter Hardy (Westworth, Lab): Will he not take a firmer and more insistent position, not least in regard to the effective exclusion of Namibia and certain products from the sanctions arrangements?

Does the present situation not suggest that the sanctions policies pursued by Britain and Western Europe are all but one of the 12 consider that it raises a separate problem which requires a different approach. The measures were agreed after a great deal of discussion and they represent a considered and concerted package designed to receive the response intended.

Mr Kenneth Eastham (Manchester, Blackley, Lab) said that, reflecting on Britain's disappointment about the reaction of her EEC partners to Syria,

was it not understandable that the ministers were disappointed with the British Government's attitude on South Africa? The overwhelming feeling of British people was opposition to apartheid.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I am totally aware of the overwhelming opinion of the people of Britain and the European Community condemning apartheid and requiring it to be replaced as soon as possible. On that point there is no difference between us all.

● I am totally aware of British opinion ●

I think my colleagues in the EEC felt that the mission we are undertaking in July as South Africa represented a very effective presentation of the case upon which the people of Europe are agreed.

Mr Guy Barnett (Greenwich, Lab): Does he not recognise that there is an increasingly serious situation developing in South Africa, a situation involving increasing degrees of disorder? With the tragic death of Sumner Machel, does he not feel he should now respond to the call made recently by the Secretary General of the Commonwealth for an international brigade to defend the front-line states against intrusion from South Africa? Why does he not give a lead of that kind in the EEC?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: It would not be sensible or fruitful to begin thinking in terms of mobilizing a brigade of that kind.

But he is right to draw attention to the increasing gravity of the situation. The death of President Machel, caused in whatever fashion it was, is undoubtedly a matter of the utmost regret on all sides of the House.

The situation in South Africa itself is certainly one of mounting tension in which it is of the utmost importance for the South African Government to summon up the courage to make the leap of imagination necessary to call together leaders of the African people with a view to replacing apartheid as soon as possible.

Mr George Gardner (Reigate, C) said the Foreign Secretary should emphasize to Britain's European colleagues how counter-productive sanctions would be to the reform process in South Africa.

Constructive discussions between the leaders of all groups would be far more likely to succeed in the context of an expanding economy than one in which blacks and Cape coloureds were being thrown out of work.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: General economic sanctions should not be seen as an end in themselves and we do not regard them as an effective way to bring about an end to apartheid.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L) said the Government should consider measures which would give a clearer signal to South Africa, such as a ban on direct air flights from Europe to South Africa.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said the Government did not take the

same view as Mr Beith on the issue of such measures. Community ministers had spent many months arriving at the agreement reached in September.

Mr Thomas Clarke (Monklands West, Lab) urged the Foreign Secretary to answer the question recently put to him by Mr Denis Healey about why Namibia was excluded from the EEC policy on South Africa.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: With one exception (Denmark) all our European Community partners do not regard Namibia for inclusion on the same terms as South Africa.

● Namibia is not regarded on same terms as South Africa ●

Sir John Bigger-Davison (Epping Forest, C) wanted to know exactly what the South African Government was expected to do before these measures were withdrawn. What stage of the reform process had to be reached?

Sir Geoffrey Howe said the position had been made clear during his own mission and that of the Eminent Persons' Group. They wanted to create a climate in which the South African Government should be ready to examine dialogue with leaders of all groups within South Africa by the unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners and the un-

baning of the ANC and other political parties.

The aim was to create the circumstances in which all the peoples of South Africa could make their own decisions on constitutional measures which would be acceptable to them all.

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said now that the United States had decided to impose wide-ranging sanctions against South Africa, which went far beyond the shamefully trivial measures agreed by the EEC, and in light of the fact that the Government rightly expected others to agree to punitive sanctions against Syria, would he seek to bring the EEC into line with the rest of the civilized world by adopting the same measures as the US?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I have done that which the President of the Council was required to do in seeking in two meetings recently to promote consensus on the measures agreed in September.

For as long as it has been possible to take that consensus further, I am sure the House will note on this occasion he is keen to encourage us to follow the example of the United States.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) asked if the Foreign Secretary had any conception at all of how humiliating it was for this country to endorse and see in action what he was doing in South Africa.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I think most of the House would have a different view from him about the relative standards of humili-

Dr. V. S. D.

[illegible]

If only all printers were as reliable as Epsoms.

India were without Kapil Dev, because of a bruised finger, a legacy of the first Test, and England omitted Chris Cowdrey and fielded three spacemen.

Brighton Evening Argus

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What Mrs Thatcher's closest
friends are wondering is whether,
as the signs suggest, she is begin-
ning to suffer from metal fatigue.

The Grauniad

A remittance prince? While the British
press speculates that Prince Andrew is
being sent to Lakefield College School to
help Canada through a constitutional crisis,
our sources tell us that the real reason for
the prince's being sent to Cannadda in
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e0090 (1) which isn't too sprising to those
who know the boy's private interests.

Toronto Sun

Kit Patterson, Carlisle's
clerk of the course, says: "The
prospects for racing are very
remote. There is snot and frost
on the course and we will hold
an inspection at noon tomor-
row."

Herald Express

LEWISHAM Leisure Centre is
about to launch a new set of
courses.

Each of the weekly courses — all
but one containing sex sessions —
begins at the centre in Rennell Street
in September.

Lewisham Outlook

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Hon. Olive Pearson, London Stock Exchange 1937. Served Middx.
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Westminster Press 1947, Dir. 1948. Dir. of Whitehall Securities
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1975. Dir. Economist 1967. Dir. S. Pearson & Son 1960, Dep.
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Reference to Lord Gibson's biography
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The operation to trap the
gang began on Friday when a
man arrived from Morocco on a
car ferry. His car was followed
to Prentwick where police
pounced.

The Grauniad

Perhaps the only disappoint-
ment of the championships from
the British point of view was the
defeat of Ade Made in the 200
metres at the hands of that good
American sprinter Mel Lattany.
It was in this Oxford stadium this
time last year that Ade first hit the
headlines by eating Lattany but
yesterday he was not mentally
tuned for another big race so soon
after his silver medal perfor-
mance in the world indoor games
in Paris last weekend.

The Observer

GREENWOLD, Florence May. —
Late of 163 Bergholt Road, Colches-
ter. A simple, kind, and loving old
lady who died with great dignity at
Ambleside, Wood Lane, Fordham
Heath, Colchester on Saturday, April
3, 1982 at 3.10pm. Loved by family
and friends who knew her will.

Essex County Standard

The conference's attitude
was indicated by the almost
total lack of applause after
Mr Wilson's 30-minute
speech while Engineering
Union leader Bryan Stanley
was greeted with sustained
crapping when he put the
anti-common market case.

Times of Zambia

HOW dare Ian Craig report
that the Conservative party
conference was inspired by
Dave Eager's "daft
speech."

(Mrs) M E Booth, Clayton.
FOOTNOTE: Sorry. A tech-
nical fault. It should have
read "daft" instead of
"daft."

Manchester Evening News

Five thugs last night pulled the
British passenger ship Capetown
Castle clear of the sandbank on
which she went aground at Flush-
ing early yesterday.

Irish News and Belfast Morning News

MADRID, (R) — Catholic
nuns of the Mission of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph, with a tele-
vision success behind them
and Mother Superior Francis-
ca at the guitar, are bidding
here for fame and fortune in
the pope charts.

Evening Post

Dead-eye Stewart Fraser, who
got three against the league of
Ireland recently, attempted a
shot from 20 yards, but was so
wide of the target that he
actually found Carlyle with his
attempt. The outside-right was
so surprised at the "pass" that
he made a mess of his shot at
goal.

PISSOLES AND CHIPS
After you have prepared your chips why
not at the same time fry a couple of piss-
oles while the fat is still hot?
Together with some salad, cut-up toma-
toes and an egg, you now have a delicious
hot lunch.

Richard Burton
to teach English
at Oford

The Scotsman

THAT OLD black magic has
finally worked its spell on
Highgate's own wicked witch
David Farrant. He has fallen
in love — and he says he's
giving up witchcraft for ever.
The girl who has lured
Farrant away from midnight
rituals in Highgate cemetery
is 26-year-old Nancy O'Hoski,
a speechee therapist from
Grimsby.

Hornsey Journal

On the bottle

A bottle of whisky and a
bottle of sherry, together worth
£2 18s, were stolen by a gurgler
who forced a window of a house
in Granfield Avenue, Radcliffe-
on-Trent, last night.

Nottingham Evening Post and Standard

Thought For Today

The while wrod is in a state of chassis.

—Sean O' Casey

The Rising Nepal

While sympathising with
the miners and arguing the
British government could
have acted to end the strike,
Jessica Larive-Groenendaal
(Neth) said she and her
liberal colleagues could not
support a strike called without
a ballot.

European Parliament News

Dapper eloquent Mr.
Thorpe strenuously denies
charges that, with three
other accused men, he plot-
ted the murder of Normal
Scott, who claims that he
and the politician were once
homosexual lovers.

Athens News

United goalkeeper, Stepmey,
went full length to save from
Rector and then, in the 18th
minute, saved an almost cer-
tain goal when he bravely
died at the feet of Davies.

The Gloucester Citizen

Enkalon is to get £1,500,000
via the Northern Ireland Office
to keep the textiles and carpet
yarn factory open for another
seven months

The Daily Getelaph

GREG NORMAN, hot favourite
for the Card Classic at Royal
Portsmouth, missed a five-inch
putt on the 11th green yester-
day.

The blind Australian tried to
tap in the tiddler one-handed
but hit the ground with his
putter and only just moved the
ball.

Sporting Life

Spandau

secret
diaries

By ALBERT SPEER

"Spandau: The secret diaries"
will be one of the outstand-
ing books of 1978. Extracts
will appear only in THE
HUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

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Associates Limited, con-
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agement, is again collaborating
with the London College of
Printing in organising a
Quality Control in Printing
short course.

Journal and Graphic Review

LORD Snowdon greeted Prin-
cess Margaret as she flew into
Heathrow today with a welcom-
ing hiss.

Evening Mail

Lights test aims to spot dyslexia

As he follows lines of print,
the normal reader moves his
eyes jump, stop to absorb one or
eyges jump, sop to absorb one or
more words, then jump again.
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quickly than the slow reader.

The Sunday Times

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The Times

SHEFFIELD UNITED
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bottom to have their fate settled
when they were relegated to the
Second Division. United's First
Division life, slowly ebbing away
since the start of the season,
came to a painful end at Totten-
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Willie Young, John Duncan,
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The Sunday Times

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WORLD SUMMARY

Dutch general loses Nato post

Brussels — A senior Dutch general has been removed from his top Nato post because of his inability to work together with his international staff (Frederick Bonhart writes).

Lieutenant-General Gerard Berkhof was appointed Chief of Staff of the HQ of Allied Forces Central Europe in February, but his way of working led to friction in his staff to such an extent that his superior, General Leopold Chalupa of West Germany, to ask the Dutch Ministry of Defence to withdraw him.

General Chalupa commands all the Nato military forces in the central region, including the British Army of the Rhine and all the US, Belgian, Canadian and Dutch forces stationed in West Germany.

Wife dies in blast

Dhaka — A bomb exploded at the house of a prominent opposition leader in Chittagong yesterday, killing Mrs Mohiuddin Chowdhury, the wife of the local chief of the Awami League, (Ahmed Fazl writes).

Two people were taken to hospital in critical condition.

Soldiers swapped

Machgara, Lebanon (AFP) — Syrian forces and pro-Iranian fundamentalist Hezbollah militiamen have exchanged prisoners seized on Tuesday in tit-for-tat actions.

The swap was preceded by the arrival of a Hezbollah detachment armed with heavy artillery.

Minister faces trial

Madrid — A Spanish court yesterday ordered Señor Demetrio León, the 50-year-old Socialist Chief Minister of Castile-León, to stand trial on charges of fraudulently selling a family textile business (Richard Wigg writes).

The action had been brought against him by 11 women factory workers, who claim they were left unpaid after the sale of the business, which had gone bankrupt.

The majority of the workers were dismissed without the compensation required under Spain's labour laws dating from the Franco era.

This is the first time since Spain established the 17 autonomous regions that a chief minister has been sent for trial.

Iran debt pact near

Paris (AFP) — France and Iran have taken an important step towards resolving a long-standing financial dispute centring on a \$150 million loan from Tehran to the French Atomic Energy Commission in 1974. No details were given.

7 the lucky number

Oberursel, West Germany (AP) — An 81-year-old West German woman won the lottery of £150,000 to the family in her home town with the most minor children.

The woman, Frau Else Benke, who lived quietly in this Tannus mountain city north of Frankfurt, stipulated only that the family must have at least "seven minor children".

A family has been found meeting the requirements with seven children between the ages of 18 months and seven years. But there is still time for others to apply.

Choking the Invalides in protest



More than 200 French removal vans choked the centre of Paris yesterday, blocking the Place des Invalides and the Alexandre III Bridge, to protest against new public allowance cuts for families moving house.

Pretoria blamed for Machel's death but not the plane crash

From Michael Hornsby Maputo

Leaders of the six black-ruled frontier states in southern Africa yesterday blamed the Pretoria Government for the death of President Machel of Mozambique but stopped short of accusing it of causing the plane crash in which he died on October 19.

Answering questions after the summit was over, President Kaunda of Zambia, the group's current chairman, said, however, that "a number of our governments hold the South African government directly responsible for this tragedy until they prove the contrary".

President Kaunda also dismissed as "nothing new" Tuesday's "declaration of war" on Zimbabwe by the Renamo insurgents in Mozambique. "The so-called declaration of war was really a question of 'his master's voice'. They were telling the world what South Africa has

already done," he said.

Zimbabwe has had troops deployed here for several years in support of Mozambique government forces. Their numbers are put at anywhere between 6,000 and 12,000 men. President Kaunda's jibe about "his master's voice" reflects the belief of black-ruled states in the region that Renamo is supported by, and acts as a proxy for, South Africa.

It was the first meeting of the frontier states — Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe — since President Machel's death. Their leaders were in Maputo for his state funeral on Tuesday and prolonged their stay by one extra day.

In their formal communiqué the leaders declared that President Machel "fell victim to apartheid, which carries out acts of aggression and destabilization and murders of innocent citizens in this region".

President Kaunda later

went further, claiming that "there is sufficient circumstantial evidence available for us to hold South Africa directly responsible... We are aware that the plane was being monitored by South African radar. We also know that electronically these days it is possible to tamper with any machine like an aircraft. We are not impressed by the crocodile tears of the two Bothers. Men who have no respect for their fellow human beings on grounds of colour cannot be expected to mourn."

It was possibly significant that President Kaunda, who said that he and other frontier leaders had been fully briefed about the crash by the Mozambicans, made no reference to suggestions aired earlier, particularly by the press in Zimbabwe, that President Machel's plane might have been shot down.

JOHANNESBURG: A Soviet airman who survived the

Machel plane crash 10 days ago was flown back to Maputo yesterday after being discharged from a South African military hospital in Pretoria (Ray Kennedy writes).

But Mr R F (Pik) Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, said the Mozambique government had been told he may be required to return to South Africa to give evidence before a judicial inquiry into the cause of the disaster.

Mr Botha's statement identified Mr Vladimir Novoselov as the flight engineer on board President Machel's Soviet-built Tupolev-134 jet aircraft.

There has been confusion so far about whether he was the pilot of the aircraft but Mr Botha's statement appears to make it clear that the pilot did not survive.

There is a growing impatience in Pretoria over claims that South Africa was to blame for the crash.

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Israelis put clamp on arms dealers

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

New regulations aimed at restricting the operations of Israel's 800 or so private, but authorized, arms dealers around the world have just been approved in the Knesset.

They were drawn up after a series of scandals, largely unearthed in the United States, including an alleged multi-million-dollar plot by a consortium led by a retired Israeli brigadier to smuggle a huge arms shipment to Iran.

Until now arms dealers have been able to operate legitimately once they obtained a letter of accreditation from the Ministry of Defence.

In future no sale can even start without an individual permit being issued showing the names of the dealer, the potential purchaser and any intermediaries, along with the type and quantity of weapons involved. Before the final contract is signed a dealer will require a second permit setting out the terms of the sale, including details of how payment is to be made.

Explaining the new regulations to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee of the Knesset, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, said they would make it possible to keep a central record of all deals under negotiation or concluded.

All existing 800 or so letters of accreditation from the Ministry of Defence have been invalidated by the new procedure and can no longer be used by a dealer as proof that he is operating legitimately.

"What the arms dealers were carrying until now were blank cheques, in a manner of speaking, and we had no supervision over their affairs," Mr Rabin said.

It is likely that the Knesset will also set up its own body to supervise national policy on arms exports.

Afghan defector says Army weakening

Islamabad (Reuters) — A senior Afghan Army officer said yesterday that he had defected to the anti-government Muslim rebels two weeks ago, and painted a grim picture of the deteriorating military situation inside the country.

Colonel Mir Hashmatullah, aged 43, deputy commander of a division stationed between Kabul and the border with Pakistan, said he had become a convinced anti-communist since the Soviet military intervention in 1979.

Colonel Hashmatullah, who reached Pakistan with his wife and three children a few days ago, said he had joined the radical Muslim Hezb-e-Islami group, one of the main guerrilla organizations fighting the Soviet-backed government in Kabul.

Referring to the state of the Afghan Army, he said the men did not want to fight the rebels, relations with the Soviet forces in the country were poor and the military situation was deteriorating.

His defection 13 days ago was followed a week later by that of an Afghan Air Force pilot who flew his Soviet-built MIG 21 jet fighter across the border to Pakistan.

A Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman said the plane would be kept here until the end of the "civil war" in Afghanistan, following standard international practice. The spokesman said the pilot, identified by Afghan exiles as Lieutenant Muhammad Daud, would be given political asylum.

Officially killed: Mr Mohammad Ali Samin, a senior Afghan Communist Party leader, was buried on Tuesday at a large state funeral attended by top leaders the day after he was killed by a land mine planted by guerrillas, the Afghan Government announced (AP reports).

PLO dispute feared

An attempt to secure observer status for the Palestine Liberation Organization has raised the prospect of further political disputes at the International Red Cross conference (Alan McGregor writes).

A letter requesting such recognition from a PLO representative accompanying the Palestine Red Crescent delegation has been delivered here. The delegation is headed by Dr Fathi Arafat, brother of the PLO president.

As there is no precedent for observer status being granted to any such organization the conference bureau is not expected to pass the application to the conference.

Mubarak silences opponents with admission of torture

From Robert Fisk, Cairo

Even the super-critical Egyptian opposition parties were amazed when President Mubarak's Government admitted that the security authorities had been using torture against political detainees.

Mr Mubarak has claimed that he "truly believes in democracy", yet the announcement by the Egyptian prosecutor general that criminal proceedings would commence against 41 policemen for torturing imprisoned Islamic fundamentalists was unprecedented.

The small opposition groups in Egypt, who regularly complain that elections are rigged and that Mr Mubarak has no interest in real democracy, were for once reduced to silence. Their low circulation newspapers had for months been alleging that such torture was taking place, but when Mr Mohamed Abdul Aziz el-Ghundi, the State Prosecutor, made his announcement, the newspaper of the New Wafd Party praised him for his "very bold" act, adding only that it hoped to see further prosecutions.

When the revelations of torture were first made by the papers, Mr Fouad Serag el-Din, the leader of the New Wafd Party, demanded the immediate dismissal of General Zaki Badr, the Interior Minister appointed by Mr Mubarak after the security police riots last February.

Amid the growing claims that fundamentalist detainees have been subjected to sexual abuse, electric shocks and severe beatings, General Badr is fast becoming as much a hate figure as was his dismissed predecessor, General Ahmed Rashedy. But opposition concern for the fundamentalists probably has as much to do with its own lack of political support as it does with human rights.



General Badr demands for his dismissal.

elections until independent judges replace police officials at the 22,000 ballot stations throughout Egypt and until ballot papers are allotted by name rather than handed out anonymously to voters.

"We have got two out of 21 fundamentalist groups to give their support to us," he says. "But making them understand what we are trying to do can be difficult. We had a meeting at our party office in Chubra the other day and one of the fundamentalists shouted: 'We must kill Mubarak'."

"I said to him: 'You are mad. If you kill Mubarak, someone else will come along and they will hang you and that will be the end. You cannot have everything Islamic — there are many Christian people in Egypt who won't have that and many liberal people who don't want it. You must work within the democratic system. Don't try to overthrow the Government.' But for this persuasion to work, Mubarak has to make the elections fair."

The NDP did try to ameliorate the results of the recent election by offering its opponents some of the 35 seats distributed by appointment rather than election, but only Mr Ahmed Sabahi, the leader of the Umma Party which is fundamentalist orientated, has accepted.

For the present, therefore, the five orthodox opposition groups in Egypt remain a noisy though comparatively powerless political force. Their existence has certainly helped to break down the walls of fear which President Nasser erected around Egypt's political life. But the suspicion remains that they provide merely a valve for the expression of discontent against the monolithic party apparatus run by the president.

Swiss bicycle troops want new mounts

Geneva — Neutral Switzerland, methodically modernizing its conventional armaments in this thermonuclear age, is seeking new mounts for its bicycle battalions (Alan McGregor writes).

The current bicycle dates from 1905. The Defence Ministry says manufacturing spares for it has become uneconomic and an identical new one now costs £600.

Americans considering radio swap with Russia

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

US and Soviet officials have held talks aimed at negotiating an unusual exchange of radio programmes.

Mr Charles Wick, director of the United States Information Agency (USIA) said that the tentative idea was to broadcast Voice of America programmes on Soviet domestic stations, in exchange for the right to carry Moscow radio programmes on stations

in America. Mr Wick met Mr Aleksandr Yakovlev, the Soviet Communist Party secretary in charge of propaganda, in Reykjavik during the summit. In an interview with the New York Times, Mr Wick said that as a result of these talks he was finding out whether an American radio network was willing to allocate time to Moscow radio

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Bonn seeks Syrian answer to UK dossier

From John England, Bonn

The West German Ambassador in Damascus is to present the Syrian government with British evidence of its involvement in terrorism and ask for an explanation, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said here yesterday.

Herr Jürgen Curobog said Bonn would receive no visits by Syrian government members until further notice and the activities of the Syrian Embassy here would be examined. The Syrian Arab Airlines, which at present makes four flights a week to West Germany, would also be told to reduce its staff here.

Meanwhile, the West German government yesterday approved new anti-terrorism measures, including a "supergrass" law, as security men stepped up their hunt for terrorists who attacked a senior civil servant in West Berlin on Tuesday.

The extreme left-wing "Revolutionary Cells" terrorist group, which is close to the notorious Red Army Faction, later claimed responsibility for the attack. Earlier on Tuesday, the group had also said it was behind a bomb attack on the headquarters of the Lufthansa airline in Cologne which caused damage but hurt no one.

The question of a replacement for Dr Herbert Wöckel, the Ambassador, who has been in Damascus since September, 1981, and is due to

return to Bonn soon on the expiry of his tour of duty, would depend upon the outcome of the trial in West Berlin of Ahmed Hasi, a brother of Nezar Hindawi, Herr Curobog added.

Mr Hasi is to go on trial on November 17 charged with a bomb attack on the German Arab Society in West Berlin on March 28 this year in which nine people were injured. He is also suspected of involvement in the bombing of the La Belle disco in West Berlin on April 6 which killed three people and injured more than 200 others.

Mr Hasi told police that he obtained the explosives for the attack on the German Arab Society from the Syrian Embassy in East Berlin. He also said that Hindawi had master-minded that bombing and arranged for a Syrian explosives expert to travel to West Berlin to repair a bomb that had failed twice to explode.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, said on Tuesday that Bonn supported all of Britain's calls for effective EEC measures in the fight against international terrorism.

In Tuesday's Berlin attack, Herr Harald Hollenberg, aged 54, the chief of the Aliens Office, was shot in the legs as he left his home to go to work. His attackers, a young man



aged about 20 and a woman, fled the scene on bicycles and were then seen getting into an estate car driven by another man.

A letter from the terrorists said they had shot Herr Hollenberg because he was a "man-hunter and desk criminal" who was responsible for the deaths of six Third World asylum-seekers in a fire in a Berlin prison

where they were awaiting deportation.

Dr Kurt Rebmann, the Federal Public Prosecutor, yesterday took over the investigation into the attack as Federal Criminal Bureau anti-terrorism specialists joined the hunt for the terrorists. Dr Rebmann was also present at the Bonn Cabinet meeting which approved a package of new and tougher measures to

step up the fight against terrorism.

The measures include a controversial Bill which will allow terrorists to turn state evidence against their comrades in return for freedom or mild sentences. The "supergrass" law will be unique in German legal history, and the opposition Social Democrats and Greens are against it.

Mrs Kathrine Young, wife of the Counsellor at the British Embassy in Damascus, Mr Rob Young, and their daughter, Juliette, finishing their packing. Tension has been mounting because of a Syrian press campaign accusing Britain of preparing aggression against the Syrian capital. British Embassy staff are due to leave tomorrow.

Beirut TV shows film of baby for hostage

From Juan Carlos Guncio, Beirut

If Islamic Jihad were in a good mood, Mr Terry Anderson, the American journalist held hostage in Lebanon, probably had a chance last night to watch a one-minute videotape of the baby daughter he has never seen.

Lebanese television broadcast the film, a touching birthday greeting, after newspapers gave advance notice.

Mr Anderson, the chief Middle East correspondent of the Associated Press, was 39 on Monday. The film showed 16-month-old Sulome. Theresa Anderson in a white dress hugging and kissing her father's smiling portrait while her mother read a message: "Terry darling, happy birthday, my love. I miss you very much. Our daughter misses you too. She knows you, she calls 'Papa-Dada' all the time and showers your picture with kisses. She is a good girl and a great comfort with you and, especially since she is so much like you. We want you with us, darling. God willing it will not be long."

Mr Anderson was abducted in Beirut on March 16, 1985.

● Camps fighting: More Sunni Muslim militiamen were deployed yesterday to halt Palestinian-Shia fighting at refugee camps in south Lebanon (Reuters reports).

Zimbabwe white 'vigilantes' arrested

From Michael Hartnack, Harare

Zimbabwe security police have detained four whites who are alleged to have formed a vigilante group and assaulted blacks after university students and Zanu (PF) youth-wing activists beat up white pedestrians and motorists in last Tuesday's riot here.

The students reacted to reports that South Africa was responsible for the death of Mozambique's President Samora Machel by attacking South African and Malawian airline and diplomatic offices, and the United States Embassy. American diplomats have complained that police failed to intervene.

About 50 white passers-by were beaten up, including reporters and cameramen.

University students said four of their number were abducted and severely assaulted by a group of nine white "vigilantes" while making their way back to the campus.

Police detained 98 students under the state of emergency during the city centre violence, but later freed them "pending further inquiries" so they could do their examinations.

A police spokesman said the names of the four whites being detained would not be disclosed while they were "helping police with inquiries".

The Ben Gurion game

Guessing what the Old Man would do

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

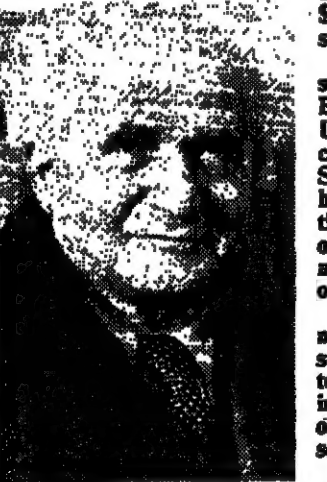
There is a popular game among Israeli politicians and commentators called "What would the old man do?" It is a leadership game, in which the winner is the one who guesses what David Ben Gurion, the grand old man of Israel, would have thought or said about a current problem.

This is the year of Ben Gurion's centenary and the game is now at its most fashionable.

At a special opening session of the Knesset on Monday, Mr Shimon Hillel, the Speaker, argued that the Old Man today would be pressing hard for Israel to develop its agricultural system.

Ben Gurion, he argued, was a pragmatic idealist who had been prepared to defy military, political and economic experts to remain true to Zionist hopes. For him those hopes lay in work, security, the conquest of the Negev Desert and in encouraging immigration.

Other players of the game include Mr Shimon Peres,



● Ben Gurion was prepared to defy experts to remain true to Zionism ●

who has personally chosen to pursue that idea of taming the Negev. Since stepping down as Prime Minister last week, he has taken over the chairmanship of a special new committee which is to concentrate on developing the desert.

Today, the dream Ben Gurion had of settling the desert and turning it into a thriving area of the Jewish state he founded is still a dream. For some of its early settlers it has become a nightmare.

According to Mr Aharon Yadin, secretary of the United Kibbutz Movement: "The Negev has become a peripheral area. The number of people leaving exceeds those settling there. The problem is not one of money, but one of vision."

According to the chairman of the Jewish National Front, Mr Moshe Rivlin, every Negev town is losing population, factories and shops are closing, unemployment is rising and thousands of apartments are standing empty.

The Negev Assembly, which represents the area's settlements, threatened to boycott the Ben Gurion centenary celebrations until Mr Peres gave a promise that the desert was high on the Government's list of priorities.

The special Negev ministerial committee has already

been bombarded with complaints that the government has failed to move industry south to create the jobs needed to realize Ben Gurion's dream. Mr Peres is promising now to build a new settlement in the desert, Kfar David, within the next two years. Fifteen volunteer settler families are ready to move in, but the money will have to come from overseas.

Money could soon come if the desert realizes its potential as the power plant for the nation. Mr Moshe Shahal, the Energy Minister, has just announced a \$26 million (£18 million) plan to build a five-megawatt power station in the desert, burning the oil shale found there to produce electricity for the national grid.

Ministry officials say that there are some 10 billion tons of oil shale in the Negev, enough to supply the country with electricity for the next 50 years.

Another \$500,000 is to be spent prospecting for uranium and other ores, which could be plentiful. A \$1 million experimental wind turbine centre to test the energy potential of the hot desert winds is to go up. A \$4 million solar energy research centre is also planned.

Scientific advance of this sort would certainly please Ben Gurion, who founded a University of the Desert centred on his home there at Sde Boker. Ben Gurion and his wife, Paula, are buried there, in a grave which looks out across the barren wilderness of Zin, which he dreamt of taming.

For Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the new Prime Minister, the answer to the leadership game is to encourage and fight for the immigration of Jews from all over the world and then to settle them on the land.

Economic growth, he told the Knesset in his inaugural address last week, was essential to the fulfilment of the Zionist goals "above all, Aliyah (immigration to Israel)".

In his idea of a Ben Gurion-inspired Zionist economy he focused on "the supreme value of settlement throughout the land of Israel. We will not discriminate between one part of the country and another: just as there is one people of Israel, there is one land of Israel."

His idea of settlement includes not only the Negev but the occupied territories. Mr Peres, only two aware of the problems this poses for the peace process, dreams of diverting settlement into the empty Negev, and he is doing all he can to use the dream of the Old Man to help him.

The trouble with the game is that there is no way of knowing the correct answer.

Ben Gurion left behind him one of the most minutely detailed records of any great man's life. His diary, written in four copies, documents everything he did and wrote from 1915 to his death in 1973. He even took notes of conversations he was having, a habit people found very disconcerting as they sat with him.

The result is that it is possible to find contradictory opinions and ideas sprinkled throughout his writing. There is comfort and criticism for all.

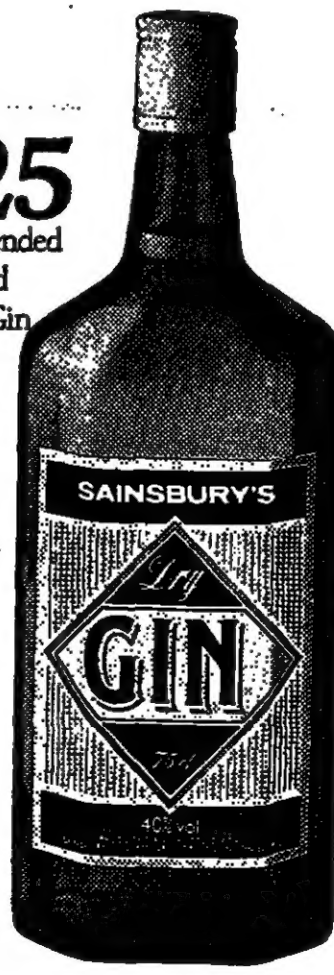
His legacy, acquired by dint of stubborn single-mindedness, is the very existence of the state of Israel. But leaders who look to him for guidance about how to run the state of Israel today find contradictory idealistic inspiration more often than practical advice.

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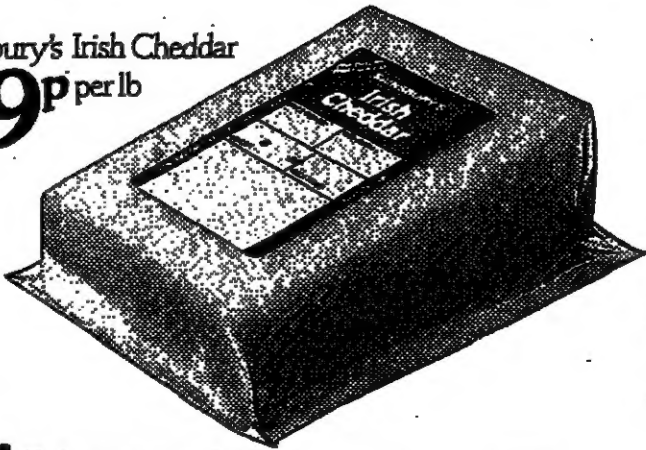
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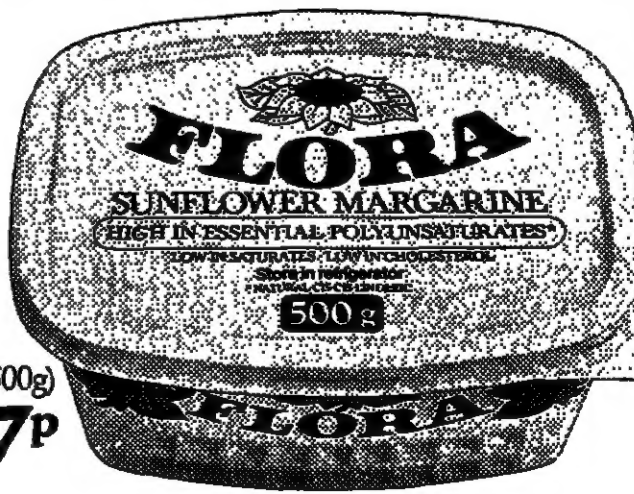


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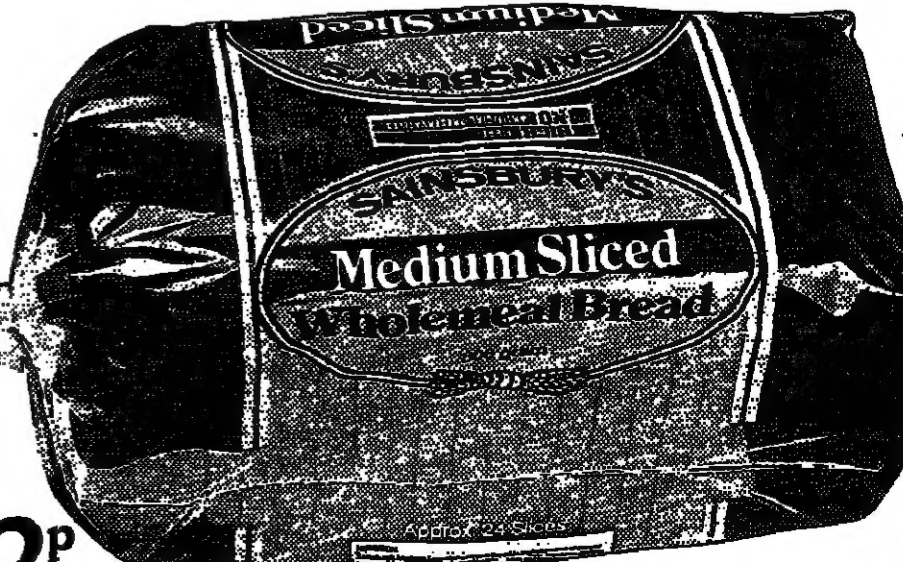
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Police prepare to storm Seoul campus held by 1,000 students

Seoul (Reuters) — South Korean riot police massed in the grounds of a Seoul university last night, preparing to storm campus buildings and arrest nearly 1,000 radical students holed up inside.

The students, who occupied the library and four other buildings at Konkuk University on Tuesday night after police broke up a major anti-government rally, splashed petrol around the buildings and threatened to burn them down if police moved against them.

Police said state prosecutors ordered them on to the campus to detain all the protesters. A police spokesman said formal charges would be brought against all those who led the occupation and Tuesday's demonstration.

Students told reporters they would end their sit-in if the police withdrew from the campus and guaranteed their "safe return home". But police refused to meet the protesters' demand and barred entry of food and drinks to them.

Some protesters lit bonfires on the roof of a building as temperatures dropped to below zero last night.

Government officials said many of the protesters might be charged with breaking the tough national security law, which bans all pro-North Korean activities and carries a maximum penalty of death.

The radicals shouted slogans against the government of President Chun Doo Hwan and called for the withdrawal of 40,000 American troops stationed in South Korea.

They also accused the government of fabricating pro-communist charges against students.

After Tuesday's campus demonstration, during which 95 students were arrested, Konkuk University suspended all classes. At mid-afternoon yesterday, 115 students left the library and surrendered to police, saying they were caught up in the occupation against their will.

About 2,000 students from 26 universities and colleges attended yesterday's rally. They burned effigies of President Chun, President Reagan and of the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, and shouted "Down with military dictatorship" and "Out with US and Japanese imperialism," witnesses said.

The government is waging a major crackdown on students, workers and other activists it says are echoing communist propaganda.

Earlier this month an opposition MP was arrested for a speech in the National Assembly in which he said the country's main policy should be reunification with the north rather than anti-communism.



Masked student demonstrators on the roof of a building at Seoul's Konkuk University during their sit-in protest yesterday

French fly riot police to islands

Nouméa (AFP) — France was flying in 30 riot police to its remote Pacific territory of Wallis and Futuna islands, where a state of emergency was proclaimed yesterday, the French High Commissioner in New Caledonia announced.

An official said that there had been local agitation after a decision to transfer a number of civil servants.

M Jacques le Henaff, the Administrator of Wallis and Futuna, said the normal functioning of the administration was being questioned.

Poll shows Aden's strength

By Nicholas Beeston

The South Yemeni elections which end today are seen by Western diplomats as a signal that the country's new leadership feels confident and strong nine months after taking power in a bloody coup.

Some 176 candidates from the Marxist South Yemeni Socialist Party and independents are contesting 111 seats for the People's Supreme Council, in conjunction with local council elections.

The election, only the second since the state gained independence from Britain in 1967, came in the wake of January's fierce street battles in Aden, when President

Muhammad fled the country with 6,000 supporters to the rival state of North Yemen.

In spite of appeals from the exiled leadership to boycott the elections, a Western diplomatic source in Aden said yesterday that President al-Atas had consolidated his position substantially and a high turnout was expected.

Reports received in Aden said that some of the 660,000 voters are being forced to vote by the Government's "defence committees", but one source said the elections in themselves are an indication of the Government's feeling of security.

Although South Yemen is still "100 per cent allied to the Soviet Union", the new Government is seen by Western diplomats as more moderate. Long-regarded as one of the hardline Middle Eastern states, with close relations with Libya, Syria and Iran, Aden this year has distanced itself significantly from Damascus and is improving ties with Iraq.

"South Yemen can no longer be accurately placed in the hardline camp," commented one Aden-based diplomat, who predicted that the country would seek to improve relations with the West.

Delhi Cabinet reshuffle

Gandhi clips wings of his leading potential rivals

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, has shown that, like his mother, Mrs Indira Gandhi, he will not allow other politicians to grow so powerful that they could be a threat to his own position either in the Congress Party or in the country.

The reshuffle in his Council of Ministers which he carried through last week has shown a sure, ruthless streak in attaining the ambitions of several powerful men.

Mr Arjun Singh, for example, who is said to be losing his post as vice-president of the party, has been brought into the Cabinet with a relatively undemanding portfolio as Minister of Communications. Mr Bhajan Lal, who was promised a Cabinet job in return for resigning as Chief Minister of Haryana, has been given the even more exigent responsibilities of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

But it is Mr Arun Nehru, who until earlier this year was spoken of as the second most powerful man in India, who has been most ruthlessly dealt with. The 42-year-old former businessman who entered politics only six years ago, was spoken of as "the fastest rising star in the firmament of Rajiv Gandhi's Government", despite being only a junior minister, and not having independent charge of a department. Now he has been turfed out, and no other post has yet been announced for him.

Only a year ago he was given charge of the profoundly sensitive internal security portfolio within the Home Ministry. His job description listed 52 areas under his control, and they included the Intelligence Bureau, all the paramilitary police forces and all police training. The presidential statement announcing his appointment made specific mention that his department was created to eliminate all threats to the "integrity of India", a catchall which gave him entrée to every law enforcement agency in the country.

But that was not the full extent of his power. Since administration of the police is a state subject, his job brought him into contact with every Chief Minister, and into a position of considerable political patronage. He owed at least something of his rapid rise in politics to the fact that he and Mr Gandhi are third cousins. His great-grandfather and Motilal Nehru, Jawaharlal Nehru's father, were brothers.

In his business career, Mr Nehru had risen rapidly through the sales side of the paint manufacturer, Jenson and Nicholson. When the company bought out its British owners he was one of the bright young executives who took control. Six years later he became the company president.

For some years he had been helping his younger cousin, Sanjay Gandhi, the Prime Minister's more political brother, and when Mrs Indira Gandhi was looking for someone to fight what used to be her seat in Rae Bareilly, in Uttar Pradesh, her eye lighted on

Mr Nehru. She wanted to keep it in the family.

He took to politics like a tail to a barn, and became one of Mr Rajiv Gandhi's kitchen cabinet, advising the heir apparent on modernizing politics, using up-to-date business methods. When Mr Gandhi became Prime Minister, Mr Nehru's direct access to him, the fact that he relied on him for advice made him immensely powerful.

Added to that was his own taste for the trading and deal-making that politics required, but which the new Prime Minister seemed to dislike. Mr Nehru could wag his finger and summon senior Cabinet colleagues.

When he was first made a junior minister in the Power Ministry he caused consternation in his senior minister by arriving early and commandeering the minister's office.

He gained a reputation for arrogance. His power began to be resented. He was represented as setting himself up as an alternative prime minister, a man who was available should Mr Rajiv Gandhi stumble.

Eventually he and Mr Gandhi seemed to fall out. When Mr Nehru had a mild heart attack earlier this year, it was noted that Mr Gandhi did not visit his bedside. While he was recovering his duties were transferred to a much more junior minister. Finally, civil servants loyal to him were transferred by the Home Min-



Mr Arun Nehru: dealt with ruthlessly

ister, Mr Bata Singh, to other, less crucial, positions. Even his political clients began to be badly treated. Mr Sitaram Kesari, for example, a Nehru follower, was denied a party ticket for the recent Rajya Sabha elections, and is among those ministers also dismissed in the present reshuffle.

The first victim of the sackings which followed the abortive attempt on the Prime Minister's life earlier this month was Mr Nehru's wife's brother, Mr Gauram Kaul, head of the Delhi police security force.

It is suggested that the present round of ministerial changes was postponed for some weeks (there have long been rumours of an impending reshuffle) while Mr Nehru refused another junior post, and fought either to have his present job or for promotion to the Cabinet.

In the end, however, Mr Gandhi has shown that he is capable, as Mr Attlee suggested all good prime ministers should be, of being a good butcher.

On-off curfew in Amritsar

Chandigarh (Reuters) — Indian authorities imposed, then lifted, a curfew on the Sikh holy city of Amritsar yesterday as police tightened security in Punjab to prevent

Hindu-Sikh clashes. The curfew will be reimposed tomorrow, when two militant Hindu groups and a hardline Sikh group have called for demonstrations.

Briton in Bhopal court plea

Delhi (Reuters) — The Indian Supreme Court agreed yesterday to hear Mr David Bergman, a Briton whose advocacy of Bhopal gas disaster victims' rights landed him in jail in the Indian city where 2,000 people died.

Mr Bergman, aged 21, said India's highest court had agreed to hear his plea that he be allowed to remain in India, that an order restraining him to Bhopal be lifted and that other charges be dropped. The hearing is scheduled for today.

"I want to stay in India, to get all the charges cleared and to continue to be allowed to work in Bhopal," Mr Bergman said.

At the time of his detention, police, while not commenting officially, told local reporters that he had obtained confidential documents and might be a spy for Union Carbide, which owns the pesticide plant that leaked a lethal cloud of methyl isocyanate gas in 1984.

Mr Bergman, a law graduate from Birmingham, cycled from Britain to India, arriving in February 1986, to raise money for the victims of the disaster.

He has said the charges are baseless and that the Madhya Pradesh state government is conducting a campaign against volunteer relief workers to cover up official inactivity.

Pakistan clash over bomb blast

Peshawar (Reuters) — Police clashed yesterday with an angry crowd which rampaged through this Pakistani border city in protest at a bomb blast on Tuesday that killed six people and injured 20.

Witnesses said police fired tear gas and made baton charges to break up groups of demonstrators as markets were shut in a protest strike in the city, capital of the North-West Frontier Province bordering Afghanistan.

The witnesses said students and opposition supporters set a bus ablaze, damaged other property and hurled stones at police in pitched battles. The protesters charged the Government with failing to protect people from bombings blamed on Afghanistan.

The province is host to an estimated three million Afghan refugees, and the main Muslim guerrilla groups fighting the Soviet-backed Government in Kabul have their headquarters in or around Peshawar.

● ISLAMABAD: At least two students were shot and killed in a clash between police and students at the Lahore Engineering University late on Tuesday night (Hassan Akhtar writes).

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THE ARTS

Doubts turn into fears

OPERA

La traviata
Covent Garden

This was no way to start a new season. Misgivings have been expressed on this page before now over the Royal Opera's declining ability to handle the popular Italian works which have to be among the corner-stones of the house repertoire, and to engage the rising generation of singers and conductors for them. The present revival of *La traviata*, a plodding and unidimensional affair, seems precisely calculated to turning doubts into outright fears.

First allowances have to be for the withdrawal of Katia Ricciarelli from the title role. But it is doubtful whether even Ricciarelli's highly accomplished Violetta — a performance yet to be heard in London — would have raised this *Traviata* up to an acceptable level. Her replacement, Lucia Aliberti, was assigned to some of the later performances, but the interpretation is as yet unformed and unconvincing.

Aliberti's soprano first caught the ear at Westford seven years ago in a bright and sparkling comedy by the Ricci brothers where she gave an appropriately bright and sparkling performance. Since then she has spent most of her time in the coloratura repertoire. This Violetta clearly marks a possible move into the heavier dramatic roles. The problem is, though, that her Violetta on London evidence is a dramatic zero.

The hunched shoulders of the first act may well suggest that consumption is just around the corner, but they do not

form the posture of a society hostess, even one who on this occasion appeared to be serving her guests an insipid-looking white wine punch from water jugs. Thereafter Miss Aliberti scarcely addressed a note to her companions on stage but instead stared fixedly at the floorboards as though expecting Roland Rat, or some other furry creature, to come popping out of them.

There were moments of vocal promise, notably in "Dite alla giovine" and parts of the final act. But for much of the rest of the evening the voice was too busy finding itself, treading slippery ice and then sliding a bit or simply just retreating when progress was about to be made.

Against this uncomfortable and self-absorbed Violetta it was no surprise that Arthur Davies's first Covent Garden Alfredo showed him a bit below his best. He wisely declined to put too much pressure on the voice, except properly in the "Mio rimorso" cabaret, and kept to a light and blessedly lyrical interpretation of a good-looking young boy suddenly in love. Some of the vocal inhibitions will surely rub off in more inspiring company.

The Russian baritone Yuri Mazurok has a notable legato line and seems to take even fewer breaths than Cappuccilli, who gives the impression of living almost without oxygen. But Giorgio Germont is always in danger of being a dull old stick, as he rumbles on about Fair Province, and that alas is just what Mazurok makes him. It is curious that Covent Garden did not engage an Italian for the role and even odder that they did not turn to one of the younger Italian maestri to conduct the opera.

Yuri Simonov took an almost metro-nomic approach to this most emotional of pieces, so that the heartbeat of "Parigi o cara" sounded much like the death-rattle of the final scene. The tempi chosen were often intolerably slow, even taking into account the substantial pauses Aliberti used from time to time. Claire Powell's Flora was the best of the variably played supporting parts. The chorus was inspired throughout and well below international standards. The best marks on the home front go to Michael Rennison for giving the ancient production a visual spring-clean.

The applause at the end was courteous and very, very brief: the audience had had a long evening with few rewards and were anxious to get home. No, this was indeed not the way to start the '86-'87 season.

John Higgins



The boy suddenly in love: Arthur Davies as Germont with Lucia Aliberti as Violetta

Charming enterprise all too sustained

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Wexford Festival

This year's Wexford Festival was under threat, but a determined rescue operation was mounted and all the planned performances were saved. Next year, the addition of 140 seats to the present capacity of 450 should bring in an extra £40,000 at the box-office.

The opening production was Humperdinck's *Königsinder*, a sad tale of the goose-girl who falls in love with the king's son. The opera, first performed at Munich in 1897, has never enjoyed a success to equal that of *Hansel and Gretel* four years earlier. *Königsinder* also has a witch: in this instance, however, she succeeds in poisoning her victims (the ill-fated lovers), but disappears from the story herself in rather inconsequential manner.

The witch (an imposing assumption by Pauline Tinsley) has a noteworthy passage of sibilant venom, accompanied menacingly by timpani, but a lengthy first act is, in the main, short-breathed and fragmented in its musical effect. William Lewis, an American



Daniela Bechly's winning goose-girl in *Königsinder*

heldenromantiker, sounded rather dry earlier on but, as a more lyrical strain made itself heard in the second and third acts, so he added welcome vocal warmth. There was an outstanding performance, as the Fiddler, by Sergei Leiferkus, a baritone who has at his command an exquisitely beautiful tone and powerful dramatic projection. Daniela Bechly was winningly pretty as the goose-girl, and Michael McCaffery presented a thoroughly thoughtful production within the cramped confines of the Theatre Royal's stage, even though much of the traffic made its way over the roof of the witch's hut. At the end of an evening lasting almost four hours, gratitude to Wexford and to the conductor Albert Rosen and the admirable artistic director, Elaine Padmore, was tempered for some members of the audience by the feeling that *Königsinder* goes on a bit.

With Tancredi, Wexford

provided another of their winners. The opera, dating from 1813, with libretto by Rossini, after Voltaire's *Tancredi*, is a largely somber piece of truly remarkable eloquence when compared to the popular mode of *opera seria* of the period. There are regular outbursts of engagingly brash Rossini, and some showy items from the tenor, which gave Bruce Ford, as the Syrian ruler Argirio, the opportunity to demonstrate his agility and security above the stage. But the heart of the work is made up of a succession of genuinely touching melodies, here most impressively shaped under the direction of Arnold Oestman.

The cast was a strong one: the heroine, Amenaide, was sung in the most brilliant manner by the Danish soprano Inga Nielsen; Petti Salomaa offered a solid Olympe and in the *travesti* role of Tancredi the American mezzo Kathleen Kuhlmann gave a performance of rare distinction. Her bearing was virile and heroic, conveying both strength and gentleness.

The Wexford production of *Tancredi* can be heard at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on November 4.

Peter Orr

DANCE

Extemporary
The Place

The two works given by Extemporary Dance Theatre at The Place on Tuesday night must both have been a lot of fun for their performers.

In *Elbow Room Game*, we read, the choreographer Larry Booth mostly gave the actions for the dancers themselves to make up into sequences, and prescribed certain rules to be followed. Within those limits, the dancers choose, each performance, whether to do their own material or someone else's, whether to change a solo into a duet, whether to dance in unison or canon.

It puts an awful lot of responsibility on the performers, which most of Extemporary's team are not up to. The outcome is busy but chaotic, sincere but naive. On the other hand, the outcome looks no siller than many of Booth's other works. Presumably that merely suggests what one had long believed, that, although he is a good dancer, Booth is not much of a choreographer.

In *Audible Scenery*, Steve Paxton defined his contribution not as choreography but "scoring and direction". The score, he tells us, is 27 pages of photographs of sportsmen and women, from which he composed set points between which the dancers find their own way.

Both choreographers, I must mention, were offered the assistance of two young men to make noises during the action. Wearing identical pyjama-type garments, both pointy-nosed and crop-headed, this pair bang various innocent instruments mercilessly.



A hint of self-consciousness: Nigel Charnock and Yolanda Smith in *Audible Scenery* (photograph by Dee Conway)

Paxton sensibly banished them to one-minute breaks between three-minute sequences of movement, during which time they set out to prove how unpleasant whistling can be made to sound. The only dancer who did well in both works was the man who calls himself just Tam. Extemporary's longest-serving member, his smooth, soft movement gives him a head start over others brought in specially for this programme. Some of the others, especially Yolanda Smith and Nigel Charnock, looked self-

consciously staid in imitating Paxton's photo collection, but Sharon Donaldson danced a well-sustained solo in that work and Michelle Richerson brought some impetus to *Elbow Room* which gained a degree of drama from Steve Whitson's flamboyant lighting plot.

One puzzle: what was a small, caddy, toy koola doing on top of the on-stage lighting control unit amid all this supposed modernism and experiment?

John Percival

Insular freedom

The Maclaren of Maclaren, Press Attaché to the British Embassy in Moscow, lives in a foreigners-only department block with a Sloaneish wife who has long abandoned her early inhibitions at knowing their bedroom to be the object of electronic eavesdropping. Downstairs lives Patrick Cockburn of the *Financial Times*; he and The Maclaren attended the same school (not, one imagines, a comprehensive).

Across Moscow, in a Russian apartment block, the *Morning Star's* correspondent sends her children in a Russian school and — uniquely, it seemed — speaks the local language.

TELEVISION

Filed in the aftermath of Chernobyl, *Caviar and Cornflakes* (BBC1) had the makings of a farcical soap-opera on the one hand, a microcosm of British insularity peopled with anachronistic remittance men who have only tangential connection with the high octane of international politics; on the other, a conveyor-belt of visiting British journalists who fretted to be let into a press conference which lasted all of two minutes and at which sound-recording was not permitted.

It is, as Mrs Cockburn observed with dry understatement, "a slightly colonial existence" — and one that could be done justice only by the comedic talents of an Evelyn Waugh. Somewhere outside these cushy enclaves, of course, dissidents are being harassed and enormous files promulgated. BBC Radio's Moscow correspondent palliated his ignorance of Russian on the grounds that the average comrade in the street, if canvassed in his native tongue, would simply parrot the received wisdom of *Pravda* or *Tass* — quite forgetting that the average dissident in the street might well get his knees jerked opinions from the *Daily Express* or (let us say) the BBC. Freedom of choice should never be confused with independence of thought.

In this context, it was significant that the only overt censorship on display came from the British Embassy. The KGB, huddled under umbrellas in groups of three ("one can read, one can write, and the third is there to keep an eye on the intellectuals") were simply present for light relief.

Martin Cropper

ROCK

The Residents
Hammersmith Palais

The Residents from San Francisco have recorded at least 25 albums in 14 years, without surrendering the anonymity of their individual identities, which they have protected by wearing eyeball headpieces or other disguises when in public. While such an inscrutable image may be an intriguing idea, and the quartet's impenetrable avant-garde music a quizzically diverting noise on record, there is little to prepare one for the magnitude of their stage show.

At Hammersmith, even when the singer took off his headgear at one point, it was barely possible to see his features in the gloomy lighting mostly provided by two hand-held orange lamps being flashed randomly around the bleak stage. He sang guttural atonal gibberish, while two of the other Residents performed pointless shadowy mime-

shows and the fourth languished at the back providing the robotic musical accompaniment on an Emulator keyboard. They were assisted by Snakefinger, a guitarist brave enough to be identified despite the discordant contribution his grotesquely fuzzed sound made.

Ironically, in seeking to overturn so many of the conventions of rock music performance, the Residents merely underlined why those conventions exist. Light shows enable you to see the performers; knowledge of who the performers are enhances interest in what they might be doing; certain harmonies and rhythms are often useful qualities in music; and so forth.

Although the show was obviously meticulously rehearsed and systematically executed, weirdness alone could not compensate for the humourless denial of so many performance norms. The challenge was reduced to how long one could endure such an air of claustrophobic monotony. Count yourself lucky they do not live in your street.

David Sinclair

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Songmakers' Almanac
Wigmore Hall

The "song and story" recital which the Songmakers' Almanac has made its own can occasionally veer close to dilettantism, when the ditties so painstakingly researched by the pianist Graham Johnson and his colleagues are clearly second-rate salon fodder. But in this Dvorak programme, "Songs from the Old World", the musical material smouldered with passion, and the underlying theme was concerned with the peripheries of 19th-century musical life but with a central — perhaps the central — issue.

For Johnson used the medium of Dvorak's songs to trace the gradual erosion of German domination of Bohemian culture, the new acceptance of the Czech language as a suitable vehicle for lyricism, and music's symbolic position in the nascency of nationalism. Dvorak emerged as a naïve but obstinate champion for his country, and Brahms as a genuine and generous ally in the "enemy camp".

The fact that so much could be made of some rarely-heard songs suggests that Dvorak's lyrical output has been seriously underestimated. Nearly everyone can hum "Kdyz mne stard matka" (possibly better known as "Songs My Mother Taught Me"), but the serene

irony of low ditties being put into learned polyphony, an irony that now seems quaint. The most faithful performance might be a wholesale reinterpretation: perhaps a piece of sophisticated electronic music using soundtracks from television advertisements.

Berio's *Cries of London* is merely a statement of the problem, a vision of the old masters through splintered and frosted modern glass — though its self-consciousness as a performance made it a very suitable piece to be presented on stage.

There was the same contrast. Op 73 set *V narodnim tonu*, the vivid sexual allegory "Jahody" and the magnificently fervent "nationalist anthem" from *The Jacobin* should surely be in every serious recitalist's repertoire.

The problem is, of course, that Czech pronunciation does not fall easily on every singer's lips. The four performing here were exemplary in this respect, and the women — Carol Smith and Felicity Palmer — also commanded the vibrant, hard-edged tone one associates with Central Europe. They complemented each other perfectly in the Moravian Duets. Neither Martyn Hill nor Richard Jackson seemed quite as suited in timbre to this repertoire, but both contributed well-considered performances.

Richard Morrison
Domus
Elizabeth Hall

Enticed by a package-deal of ticket, sandwiches, wine and succulent programming, the crowds are pouring in to the South Bank's new series of Lunchtime Serenades.

Domus was on the menu on Tuesday. You used to have to track down these musicians on a windy hilltop, or in an English country garden, where they would play inside their portable gothic dome. In it, they developed a way of

listening to themselves, and playing to their widely varied audiences which has now made them one of the most highly-skilled chamber groups on any concert platform.

Tuesday's audience of well over 300 stretched back into the shadows of the Queen Elizabeth Hall, yet Domus continued to work by drawing the listener in rather than by projecting the music out. The sound is slim, light, intensely active. Mozart's *E flat Piano Quartet* barely touched the ground, so fluid and finely modulated was its phrasing and repartee.

Susan Tomes, pianist and founder member, sparks the action from the keyboard with quicksilver suggestions and anticipations, and tricking passages of harmonic gear-change. The alacrity with which violin (Krysia Osostowicz), viola (Tim Bouhoun) and cello (Timothy Hugh) pass the parcel of ideas and responses came into its own in their *Fauré Piano Quartet* in C minor.

This is the work which has just won them the Chamber Music Record of the Year award, and it is easy to see why. They dare to start and finish in the eye of the storm, insisting on the spirit behind Fauré's refinement, the boldness within his subtlety, and recognize that here the piano, too, is at heart a stringed instrument.

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SPECTRUM

Record maker with no flip side

THE TIMES
PROFILE
RICHARD BRANSON

He must have been awful at 18. His pale face, long hair and black-rimmed glasses peer out of the newspaper clippings of the day with all the chic, po-faced smugness of 1968. It was a time when the young were adored, few more so than the editor of *Student* magazine.

"Richard Branson does care," breathed Audrey Slaughter in the *London Evening News*. "So does his editorial team. They're young themselves; they've probably suffered themselves. And they know the only too well the agony of not Re, knowing where to turn for help." Those were different times. No-hosoddy falls for gilded youth any Repmore. But Branson is still cropping Prep in the cuttings, smiling now and paignyking everybody uneasy. It is not

He has made a £250 million out of the by-products of a laid-back, caring gling. Like everybody From Michetter world. Now he is a Deall laid-back, but prepar-h the Virgin Group on Colorado sena-

Mr Gary Hammett in the next few back here on Branson was born in week for the I family whose menfolk tender for his: six generations. been

It was a ge-His father was struggling from the me his way in the profession. His mother, Eve Huntley-Flindt, had been a dancer - playing Peter Pan in London - and an air hostess in South America in the Thirties, when she had to wear an oxygen mask if you flew over mountains.

They lived at Shamley Green, near Guildford in Surrey. Branson was sent away to school at eight. Academically he was pretty much a write-off, though he was an impressive athlete. He was sent to a crammer at Seaford, Sussex, where he improved enough academically to be admitted to Stowe.

By the age of 16 he had flung himself into preparations for a national magazine, first for school-children and subsequently for students. He spent his time in the phone box outside the school library, soliciting ads for the first edition, and inside the library writing letters to names in *Who's Who*, demanding contributions. He estimates that he received one article for every 50 letters.

Then, with £3,000 worth of advertising under his belt, he left Stowe in the summer of 1967. In January 1968 the first issue of *Student* appeared. It was emphatically not a journal of the counter-culture. Branson's magazine copied the best professional products of the time - *Nova* and the Sunday colour supplements - and went for big-name interviews, plus practical issues of student life.

He printed 50,000 and sold them. The next three years were taken up with day-and-night hustling for ads. Issues appeared once they were paid for. Even so, they did manage to reach a circulation of 100,000.

Then Branson's girlfriend became pregnant and, appalled by the

inadequacy of agencies available to help them, he set up the Student Advisory Centre in 1970. The baby was aborted and he proceeded to help his contemporaries with similar problems, plus the usual round of drugs and depression, from the crypt of a church in Paddington.

In 1969 Branson had, on a hunch, placed an ad in *Student* for cheap mail-order records. The response was embarrassingly large in view of the fact that Branson had no actual records. He could not go direct to the record companies, who were trying to prevent exactly the sort of price-cutting operation he was setting up. Eventually he found a shop-owner in the East End who would sell to him. Meanwhile, he had closed the magazine; Virgin mail order took off and publishing was, for the moment, abandoned.

But Virgin quickly grew over-confident. The company was landed with a £60,000 bill for back taxes, and at the same time, the whole business was threatened by a postal strike. Branson's lieutenant, Nick Powell, one of a growing band, was despatched to find a shop in Oxford Street. He came across an empty floor above a shoe shop at the eastern end. They took it, and on opening day in January 1971 the queue stretched all the way down to Tottenham Court Road.

Once more Branson was ahead of the game, but he had to move quickly. The big competitors, when they woke up, would want to stamp out this price-cutting upstart, so he had to grow as fast as possible. He opened shops across the country. Overheads were kept to the minimum: he was simply piling 'em high and selling 'em cheap.

For £25,000 the company also bought Shipton Manor near Oxford and started converting it into a



recording studio. In 1972 the Virgin record label was born with a world-wide success. Mike Oldfield's *Tubular Bells*.

After hitting a bad patch in the mid-Seventies, when his first batch of musicians had fallen from fashion, the label was revived and the signing of the Sex Pistols in 1977 was followed by such Eighties successes as Phil Collins and Boy

George. Meanwhile the shops established themselves as more sophisticated megastores, retailing the diverse but all pop-related products now coming from the parent group - videos, books and so on. Gradually Virgin had become a loose collection of related businesses.

Branson had established a now-familiar lifestyle. He had bought a

houseboat for £200 in 1967. Two years later he married an American artist, who persuaded him that she needed more space. They sold the boat and bought a house. His wife then fell in love with the purchaser of the boat and moved back in with him. They were divorced, and for the last 11 years he has lived with Joan Templeman, with whom he has had two children - Holly, aged four, and Sam, aged one. The latest houseboat in Little Venice is now his office. They have a London home nearby and a house near Shipton Manor.

Virgin, in the interval, has come into its own in the Eighties. It has become a major force in the leisure industry. Offices were opened rapidly in 20 countries, the payroll rose to 2,500 people and it turned over £325 million last year. Its most spectacular expansion was into Virgin Atlantic Airlines.

For the flotation, which takes place in the next few weeks, the airline will be split off as a separate company because the City does not feel such businesses are as instantly attractive as Virgin's core operations. Some 25 per cent of the company is to be offered. Branson owns 85 per cent, making him worth around £200 million. Most of his proceeds will find their way back into the business, some to buy out the airline.

Branson has again become a darling of the media; he indulges in stunts like breaking the record for crossing the Atlantic in a boat or abseiling down Centre Point for charity. Lately, he has taken on the Government's UK 2000 campaign to clean up Britain. The style reinforces the image of the rock and roll industrialist who made it big by being nice.

The houseboat that doubles as the head office of a £250 million corporation looks like the interior of the house of a polytechnic lecturer who had a bit of a time of it

BIOGRAPHY

1950: Born July 18 in Surrey
1967: Leaves Stowe School
1968: January 26, first issue of *Student* magazine
1969: Start of Virgin mail-order operation, Branson marries, but marriage breaks up after two years
1970: Starts *Student* Advisory Centre, now known as Help
1971: First Virgin record shop opens in Oxford Street
1973: Virgin record label launched
1976: First Virgin nightclub, The Venue, opens
1977: Branson signs the Sex Pistols after both EMI and A&M have decided they are too hot to handle
1980: Downturn in record business leads to purge of non-profit-making bands
1984: Virgin Atlantic airline launched. Now flies London to Holland, Miami, and New York
1985: Virgin wins Business Enterprise Award for company of the year. Attempt on Blue Riband for crossing Atlantic fails when Virgin Atlantic Challenger sinks
1986: Branson put in charge of Government's £25m clean-up campaign. Breaks record for Atlantic crossing. Virgin to go public in November

in the late Sixties. It is all stripped pine, flowery upholstery and ad hoc ornamentation. Only the peach-coloured silk curtains suggest a different scale of wealth.

Branson stares downward when he speaks of himself for the past. All his eye-contact is reserved for talk of the business today. Now aged 36, for more than 20 years he has been hustling virtually day and night to make his ideas work.

In an effort, he has done nothing else. He speaks wistfully of his business philosophy as something that may one day do the world some good by persuading other companies to treat their employees more sympathetically. But, on balance, he seems to have had as many rows, fought as many battles, and proved himself as ruthlessly determined to win as any other successful businessman.

"We are not trying to change society and we never were trying to change society," he says. "I didn't have any ideology, just some of the things that came out of the Sixties, like better treatment of minorities, which I happen to agree with."

While we speak, Branson breaks off periodically to add to a long list of things to remember, which he keeps in an A4 spiral-bound notebook. Like many successful people, he seems one-dimensional and conscious of it. He reads little and was never interested in music.

Branson has been in perpetual motion since the Sixties: organizing, being gripped by successive enthusiasms and always wanting to go somewhere, to do something. Such all-purpose restlessness was, of course, the primary characteristic of that decade. In Branson's version it just happened to prove workable well into the Eighties.

Bryan Appleyard

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Eating
between
the lines

Who better could have been entrusted with taking the curl out of the British Rail sandwich than steam buff and trencherman David Sumner? His credentials - he was formerly managing director of British Transport - are impressive, his figure are impressive and his plans ambitious.

"My dream is that people will say on Sunday: 'Let's go to Cardiff for the day. We know we shall get a nice meal on the train.'"

As first-class passengers on the 12.30 InterCity from Easton to Manchester, we would have lunch brought to our seats. So we scanned the menu over gin and tonic (£1.75) and designer water (£5p for a small bottle). I was pressed to choose the chef's special of the day, an individual beef Wellington (£11.95). Mr Sumner opted for the fillet of sole *à la carte* (£8.95). We would both start with mushroom soup (£5p).

Soup and bread arrived hot from the galley. The sauce on Mr Sumner's sole looked awful, flabby and glutinous. My beef Wellington seemed a winner until a stewardess poured thick brown gravy all over the pastry, but it was pretty soggy inside as well. The cauliflower was watery and overcooked under its cheese sauce.

This is *Cuisine 2000*, the latest in a series of BR catering innovations. Mr Sumner is currently converting one carriage a week to the new system. The food is prepared - cooked and chilled - by airline caterers at Luton and Manchester, put aboard the trains in the familiar airline trolleys and reheated in the galley.

In theory, *Cuisine 2000* offers travellers a wider choice of dishes: in practice, the new menu looks little different from the one it replaces. The pork-pub-grub style of cooking - no *novell* nonsense here - is unashamedly masculine in its appeal, which seems to be commercially the right move because meal sales have increased by 50 per cent on trains converted so far. From the passengers' perspective, however, the real revolution happened overnight in the buffet cars when I refer, the pie people, and Trusthouse Forte took over BR's sandwich business from railway staff. In five months, sales of sandwiches on BR have more than doubled. Buffet business as a whole has increased by 150 per cent, Mr Sumner claimed.

Tucking into a plate of lavishly buttered toast on our homeward journey, he outlined some of his plans for putting a true taste of Britain onto the railways. I look forward to ordering a Cornish cream tea on West Country trains - with real cream.

Shona Crawford Poole

THE THOUGHTS OF BRANSON

On public speaking: "People assumed I knew everything about being a student, so I was asked by German television to make a speech on the steps of University College. First there was Tariq Ali and Daniel Cohn-Bendit and then I forgot my lines after about two minutes. I've never done it since."

On the name Virgin: "It goes with everything. I've often thought of setting up businesses just for the name - like Virgin Foods or a model agency called Virgin Girls."

On the early days in business: "The motive was survival rather than making money. What we were really about was a way of

life, doing things we were interested in."

On his failed *Evening* magazine: "It was the only time I've ever had to lay people off. It goes without saying it was very unpleasant. At the same time, if you're not willing to take a calculated risk, you'll never do anything."

On new projects: "I immerse myself completely in any new venture, then appoint people to run it and stand back."

On unions: "It hasn't cropped up, but if somebody wanted to be a member they could be. If they did, though, I would think we had failed."

Launch parties, please

Richard Ormond dreams of a champagne bottle and someone with about £5 million to spare, the prerequisites for his most ambitious caper yet - a maritime museum on water. Outline proposals for the museum, partly in London's disused docks and partly in a building with a floor covered in water, have already been approved by the London Docklands Development Corporation. "It would be a sort of 12-month boat show," says Ormond, the new director of the National Maritime Museum (the one on land in Greenwich).

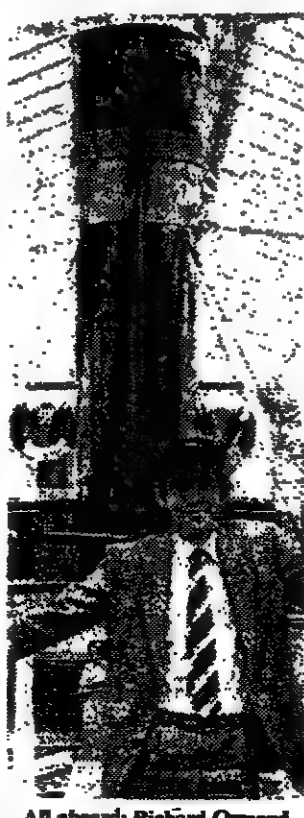
Ancient craft restored to at least river-worthiness will be back in their element, some giving rides, like the wonderful 1893 Thames Conservancy boat *Donola*, which looks more like a floating tea parlour than an official launch. Modern craft, too, will feature. The museum already has the Cowes Trophy winner, *Surfury*, the offshore powerboat.

It is one of about 70 boats from canoes and Mirror dinghies to Thames barges and river steamers, a third of them on show in Neptune Hall, mostly high on walls, on plinths and hanging from the ceiling, and all suitably dry. "The idea is that the museum would be tied in to a developer; whoever was planning the development would add a little bit on to create the actual building for us. We've worked out how we see it."

They hope it will be in Canary Wharf, handily placed for the new light railway that is racing towards completion; the LDDC see it in the next dock up, the North Quay. "The main problem seems to be that the light railway would mean they couldn't bring in tall boats," an LDDC spokesman said.

For the Boat Centre, as it will be called, also intends to organize historic boat regattas, to celebrate craft of a particu-

From humble canoes to Thames barges, the Boat Centre has incredible hulks but no place to call home



All aboard: Richard Ormond on a tug in the Neptune Hall

lar type or age. "And we want to be able to offer free overnight berthing to interesting boats of all types," says Stephen Riley, Ormond's curator of ships and antiquities. "We want them to feel that the Boat Centre is a natural home, and it will mean that there is always something different to see."

Ormond and Riley hope that the legions of ancient boat

collectors, who form themselves into organizations like the *Albion* Boat Association and the *Old Gaffers' Association*, will see the Centre as their Mecca, and they will be consulting closely with the Maritime Trust, owners of the *Cutty Sark* (which will stay at Greenwich).

"We've been inhibited in acquiring things simply because we haven't had the space to display them," says Riley. Ormond adds: "There is no reason why many of our most ancient craft shouldn't be on the water - they have all been properly restored - and there is no reason either why we should not be looking at the most up-to-date boats, too."

There will be demonstrations of sail-making, canoe-building and crafts, but the plan to base the NMM's marine archaeology department there, for the tourists to watch, has been rejected. "It seemed to have the immediate appeal of watching a plank

war," says Riley. This isn't the first attempt at establishing the Boat Centre. Ormond inherited this particular gleam in the eye from Neil Cossons, his predecessor. The original plan, for a £10 million centre near the Greenwich-Isle of Dogs foot tunnel, went under beneath the pressure of local opinion and ancient covenants, which said that there should be no building in the area; practical problems of the tidal race, which would make "pleasure boat trips impossible, and the need for some sort of pier protruding into the river, which the Port of London Authority did not like."

Sadly, the Boat Centre will not be ready in time for the National Maritime Museum's half-century celebrations next year, but it could be in operation in 1989.

Simon Tait

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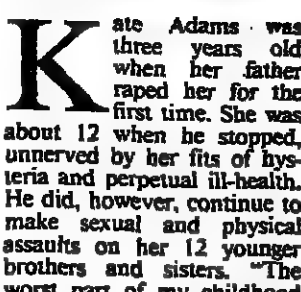
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SPECTRUM

Legacy of a 'dirty' childhood



When Esther Rantzen touched on the sexual abuse of children in March, the response was phenomenal. Tonight on BBC1 she launches the *ChildWatch* campaign against a cruel yet common crime. Sally Brompton investigates



Kate Adams was three years old when her father raped her for the first time. She was about 12 when he stopped, unnerved by her fit of hysteria and perpetual ill-health. He did, however, continue to make sexual and physical assaults on her 12 younger brothers and sisters. "The worst part of my childhood was lying in bed listening to him abuse all the others," Kate recalls.

Even today, at the age of 30, Kate looks back on her shattered childhood with a mixture of sorrow, anger and humiliation. To say that she is one of the lucky ones is to make a mockery of the physical and emotional torture and deprivation which she suffered during those most vulnerable and formative years; yet, Kate herself insists that she is lucky because she has finally come to terms with her past and is, at last, able to talk about what she describes bitterly as her "dirty" childhood.

Less fortunate are the hundreds of thousands of men, women and children who remain locked in a nightmare world of silence for a variety of reasons — they may be too

THE VICTIMS

The experts stress that even non-touching forms of sexual abuse, such as indecent exposure, can have long term and traumatic effects on the victim.

"From our clinical experience we know that adults who as children were subjected to a non-touching sexual experience with a parental figure were totally rocked by that for years," says Dr Tony Baker, consultant child and family psychiatrist for the Kingston Health Authority. "It somehow contaminated their adult relationships."

Such incestuous behaviour is not confined, as is popularly believed, to the lower classes. It occurs among families from every social, ethnic and economic background. It can have devastating long-term effects such as mental illness, anorexia and even suicide.

Recent research has revealed that 30 per cent of all children in care, 45 per cent of drug and alcohol abusers, 75 per cent of female prostitutes, 90 per cent of male prostitutes and 90 per cent of rapists were sexually abused as children.

The effects on Kate Adams were less obviously dramatic but none the less profound. "When you're a little child and this happens to you, you



'I lived a lie...I've never had children... I would have been so worried'

Kate Adams today and (above) at 11 years old, when she had been abused by her father for eight years

think everybody does it — you think it's a normal way of life. But as you get older you realize it's wrong and you think, 'Surely not everyone does this'. Then you realize they don't, and that's when you get screwed up."

At school, Kate became a rebel who found it difficult to make friends. She went shopping "to get my own back on life" and grew into a promiscuous teenager.

"Basically, I was attracted to anyone who really made a fuss of me," she says. "I'd never had any cuddles and that was what I wanted more than anything. I still do."

"When I was very young I was attracted to older men. I

always used men. I used to think, 'If they want something out of me I'll try to get as much out of them as I can', and that's an awful way to be. I think I do still use relationships."

She married young, mainly to escape her father who, even after he ceased sexually abusing her, still mistreated her and threatened to kill her if she told anyone what had happened.

Kate was in her thirties when her father died of a heart attack while serving a four-year prison sentence for physical child abuse. Kate's bitterness extends to her mother, now dead, whom she has never been able to forgive

for doing nothing to stop the violence.

"I'm sure my mother knew what was happening but whenever I tried to tell her about it she pretended not to believe me. When I was a very little girl she used to smack me like a jealous woman."

Now divorced, Kate still has nightmares about her childhood. "All my life, until recently, I lived a lie which eventually caused me to have a nervous breakdown. I never had children because I would have been so worried if they had been daughters. I know I would have watched them all the time."

It is this cyclical pattern of child abuse which greatly con-

cerns the experts. While male victims frequently grow up into child abusers themselves, female victims often suffer intense anxiety about their own children suffering in the same way as they did.

"A very tricky time for victims is when their own children reach the age at which they were sexually abused themselves," says Dr Brendan McCarthy, a leading child psychiatrist and psychoanalyst. "I have known mothers who were afraid to go out of the house to buy a bottle of milk if it meant leaving the father alone in the house with the child."

While such deep-rooted paranoia has become a

predictable long-term legacy of child abuse, the immediate effects are devastating to a child — especially since it is quite common for children to hold themselves to blame for their parents' actions.

One woman in her early twenties, who wrote to Esther Rantzen's *ChildWatch* programme, compares her childhood to a time-bomb "just waiting for dad to explode". Sexually and physically abused by her father for most of her childhood, her reaction was typical — "I felt hatred towards myself. I felt it was my fault. I must have done something really bad to make him hate me but I don't know what."

"I pretended it didn't matter. I would go on the run, just staying out and for a while taking tranquilizers. I cut myself — I don't really know why."

Now married, with two small children, she says: "I thought this was the new beginning. My dad said he wanted a new start with me and I was stupid enough to believe he'd forgiven me. I trusted him for the first time. Then, one day last year, it came to light that he was sexually interfering with my daughter. I wanted to die. I trusted him and he betrayed my daughter. I never thought he would hurt her because he seemed to love her so much."

"I'm now watching a real-life nightmare. It's me all over again and I seem helpless to do anything to help my daughter through this."

He has been to court and been convicted and has been given probation but who does this help? Certainly not us or him. I can't ever see an end to my nightmare or to child abuse."

While some experts believe that actual incidents of child abuse are rising, the main reason for the current soaring increase in reported cases is changing public attitudes and a greater awareness on the part of the professionals.

Even so, Dr Baker believes that much more should be done to train teachers, social workers, and family doctors to recognize, understand and treat the victims of child sexual abuse. "The problem is that there are not enough people with enough experience to be able to offer training. We really need training for the trainers."

Individual tales of child abuse are invariably harrowing. Now professional help will be only a telephone call away — but can the system cope with the flood?

Support at the end of the line

THE HELPERS

When Esther Rantzen invited television viewers to send her their personal experiences of child abuse and neglect, one 13-year old girl wrote: "I walk home slowly from school hoping I'm going to be mugged, raped or run over because I know that whatever is going to happen to me isn't going to be as bad as what is going to happen when I get in."

Of the 3,000 viewers who completed the confidential 35-page *ChildWatch* questionnaire, 90 per cent revealed that they had been — or were still being — sexually abused by, in nine cases out of 10, members of their own family.

For many it was the first time they had disclosed their experience to anyone. "I was shocked, but mostly I was very angry," Esther Rantzen says. "Some of the details of the cruelty we have uncovered has shown me a kind of nightmare world which I thought was only inhabited by concentration camp victims."

The two-hour-long *ChildWatch* programme, to be televised tonight on BBC1, will also promote the launching of 'ChildLine', a 24-hour telephone help line for children in trouble or danger, manned by professionals and based on similar schemes in Sweden and the Netherlands. "The idea is that we identify very early on what the child's problems are," says ChildLine's director, Paul Griffiths, senior NSPCC child care officer.

While Esther Rantzen, who is ChildLine's chairman, at the launch of the freephone, which is expected to cost anything up to £250,000 a year to run, experts have reservations about the proposed helpline's ability to cope with what they predict will be an overwhelming response.

Even without the kind of exposure initiated by prime-time television, the Incest Crisis Line, also a charity and currently running on a shoestring, already handles an average of 400 cases a week.

Unpaid counsellors take calls, in different parts of Britain, from abused children, their mothers, occasionally from offenders and increasingly from professionals who, according to Crisis Line director Richard Johnson, do not know what to do themselves.

Johnson, who operates from the small council house in



Esther Rantzen's questionnaire on child abuse elicited a heartbreaking response. The drawing above was one of a series sent by a woman who had been abused as a child by her father, her uncle and two brothers. "I was told to go up to the attic on many occasions. It was a bare room, apart from the bed. There was no heating and I was not allowed

to have the light on, even in winter. My mother used to keep the Christmas turkey in there; it was freezing cold. I was not allowed to keep my clothes on. Sometimes I would have to stay in the attic from Friday afternoon, when I came home from school, until Monday morning. I was frightened. It seems worse when you're alone in the dark."

north London where he lives with his wife and three daughters, respects his abused callers' confidentiality but, where necessary, he tries to help them further, even to the extent of giving the victim temporary refuge in his home and confronting the abuser with his actions.

He and his team of around 100 volunteers were all victims of incest — which he defines as "any sexual contact between a child and an adult in a position of trust" — and that helps them to win the confidence of other victims. About one tenth of the cases handled by Crisis Line result in prosecutions — "but only at the explicit request of the person who came to us for assistance," Johnson says.

It is knowing where to go for help that is the problem for children who are being abused — or even for adults who are still suffering the effects of childhood abuse. Twenty per cent of the people who filled in the *ChildWatch* questionnaire said that they just did not know where to turn at the time it was happening to them. In the past, children who tried to tell were often disbelieved although today the experts acknowledge that children rarely invent sexual abuse.

Michele Elliott, creator of Kidscape, a highly effective project aimed at preventing child sexual abuse, says that one of the ways she judges the

project's success is by the number of children who come forward during her talks. Unlike the police's own stranger-danger programme, which was started in primary schools in the early 1970s and was the first organized preventative scheme of its kind, Kidscape is designed to protect children from friends and

'We have uncovered a kind of nightmare'

family as well as strangers. Michele Elliott is currently teaching her methods to the Metropolitan Police.

"We are giving the children permission to tell outside the family if they're being abused within the family because inevitably they think they've done something terrible," says Elliott, who has also created a programme for parents to teach their own children.

Telling, however, is only the beginning. Then it is up to the professionals to decide what to do about the perpetrators and how best to treat the victims who, apart from their physical and emotional scars, generally suffer intense feelings of guilt.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Primus inter the runners

Hours after yesterday's reports of impending speculation over Mrs Thatcher's retirement plans, the name of her party chairman, Norman Tebbit, yesterday inadvertently rekindled talk of her likely successor. Quashing the received view that Tebbit's personal circumstances have blunted his ambition, his Chingford agent, James Costello, tells me that Tebbit firmly believes he is in line to succeed the Prime Minister. Citing recent conversations with him, Costello tells me: "All things come to an end. Should the day ever come when Maggie decides to step down... there is not much doubt in Norman's mind that he is the front-runner." Then I put Costello's comments to his private office. Tebbit was on the line within 30 minutes. "My views on the matter are absolutely clear. I don't know who is the front-runner and I don't care," he told me. But would he accept the leadership if offered? "If people wanted me to do it, then I would do it."

● The man finally picked by BBC TV to present *Newsnight*, weakened by the loss of both John Tusa and Olivia O'Leary, photographic Observer political editor Adam Raphael, five years ago tipped for ITN's political editorship.

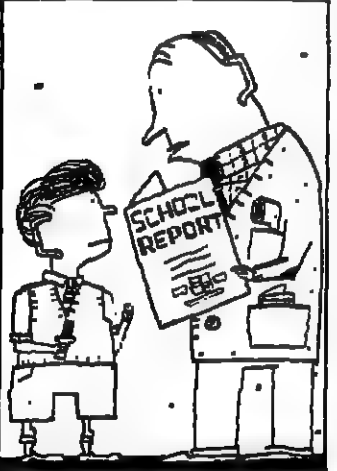
Dressing down

There are some embarrassing questions to be asked of Lambeth council in London. The stupendously racially-aware Labour council, led by black activist Linda Bellos, has been caught by the clerical union Apex buying uniforms that may have been manufactured in South Africa. An Apex circular says the uniforms were bought from Duchess Uniforms, a London subsidiary of a Cape Town-based firm. The circular adds that Duchess confesses to being incapable of distinguishing its South African-made garments from those produced in the UK. Yesterday Phyl Cleary, who keeps Duchess's books, confirmed she had sold catering outfits to the council "... and the London School of Economics. I don't suppose they ever stopped to ask where they came from."

Skye blue

Isle of Skye residents have good reason to resent the arrival of a film crew making a television advertisement for British Gas's privatization campaign: Skye does not have a gas supply. Local solicitor Ian Christie, who has lodged a formal letter of complaint, tells me: "There's no mains gas in any of the north-west of Scotland. To imply that there are supplies in the far-flung parts of Britain is misleading." Indeed, the gasless residents are *per se* ineligible for the preferential share offer to British Gas customers. A Department of Energy spokesman says the location was chosen for its dramatic scenery, "not to imply that gas is available on Skye."

BARRY FANTONI



'At this rate you'll never fill in the new detailed questionnaire for the unemployed.'

Flypast

Never work on-stage with children or animals. Ask 19-year-old magician Paul Storey, who had rehearsed his best trick — conjuring a dove from his top hat — for a performance before Prince Charles yesterday. By the time HRH arrived at Manchester airport for a youth business initiative exhibition, Paul's bird had flown. Paul still hopes for a career in cabaret, specializing in escapology.

● Salt in the wounded pride of Birmingham, following its failed bid to host the 1992 Olympics. Manchester International Airport has placed a huge advertisement close to Birmingham's Bull Ring shopping centre promoting direct flights to ... Barcelona.

Prize exhibit

Celebrating the launch of Richard Hough's *The Act of Clubs*, a history of the Garrick Club, 200 of its members were last weekend treated to Michael Hordern's rendition of a verse prologue by the Booker winner, Kingsley Amis. Courtesy of the author and the club, I treat you to an extract from his "In Praise of the Garrick Club":

When a bank manager disrupts your life,
A drunk, an in-law, dare one say a wife
When hordes and pedants drive you up the wall,
Come to the Garrick and forget 'em all.
Or nearly all. PHS

Big Bang: the fatal mistake

John Bell reports on the puzzlement
abroad over the City's muddle

It has taken the City less than three days to go from Big Bang to big flop. Overseas, they can scarcely believe it.

At home, most people accept the official City line that the deregulation of the stock market and the start of an electronic, screen-based dealing system are just another example of Britain at the frontier of technology. Abroad, they have been wondering first what took us so long, and secondly why in the first three days we seem determined to make everyone else's mistakes all over again.

For the first part of a decade, visiting US business men have regarded our Stock Exchange with an admiration normally reserved for Anne Hathaway's cottage, the Beefeaters at the Tower of London, Stonehenge and other ancient monuments.

While America scrapped fixed commissions over 11 years ago and has developed highly efficient screen-based systems for trading securities, the London Stock Exchange had, until three years ago, been making do comfortably in

the technological stone age. As in most of Fleet Street, the Stock Exchange has been reluctant to reform itself to remove the restrictive practices, which excluded foreigners, to allow competitive charges to customers, and to change its 80-year-old trading system.

At the heart of this week's fiasco in Throgmorton Street is the fact that the Stock Exchange came to Big Bang as a response to external pressures. It certainly did not embrace the challenge of high technology as an advance in its own right.

There were mounting legal pressures for the exchange to abandon its cartel on charges and to open membership to all corners. London was losing business to New York and elsewhere.

But the Stock Exchange decided on a traditional British com-

promise. It would have to develop a new system for traders to buy and sell blocks of shares by computer, for that simply did not exist at the time. But instead of creating a new system for distributing information about that electronic market to the offices of its members and their clients, the Stock Exchange decided to stick with its existing "Topic" screen system. That is proving to be a fatal miscalculation. Quite simply, Topic cannot cope with 200 inquiries a second. For Big Bang to work properly, it simply has to.

First responses from abroad tend to express rather more regret than surprise. Britain seems to be maintaining its reputation for the invention rather than the application of technology.

Peter Da Puzzo, head of international equity trading at the

major New York securities house, Shearson Lehman, said yesterday: "We did not expect that you would have had so many problems and I guess we are disappointed that your systems were not tested more thoroughly before Big Bang. But we don't think it is a tragedy. Eventually London will solve its problems and take its place in the international market."

At the front line now in the battle for business in the City, the men who man the trading desks are deflated. "We can't trust prices on the screens, can't get a proper feel for what is happening in the market and suspect that things will be like this for ages," is a typical view.

The Stock Exchange is struggling manfully to patch up the system, mostly by cutting out many of Topic's services to give priority to prices from the new screen trading system SEAQ (Stock Exchange Automated Quotations).

But it is likely to be a matter of months before the performance matches the promise.

Paul Valley concludes his report on the tragedy of Ethiopia's peasants

Land blighted by ideology

And still Ethiopia needs food. Two years after the crisis of the camp at Korem hit the television screens, the hapless nation is the only one in the sub-Saharan region that still requires large amounts of foreign food. Much of the explanation for that may seem like old news: a degraded environment, a population maintaining a borderline existence without reserves and a government whose priorities place the military and the urban elite above the peasant farmer.

But there may be more to it than that. A report to be published next month by Cultural Survival, a group of anthropologists attached to Harvard University's Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, suggests that the regime in Addis Ababa has locked itself into a vast collectivization programme designed to promote, at the expense of subsistence farmers, the production of cash crops to earn the regime the hard currency it needs to continue its wars against liberation movements on several fronts.

This process, dubbed villagization, is happening on a scale that recalls the actions of Stalin in the thirties. It has already brought about the forced movement of three million peasants. The relocation of 20 million more is planned. And according to the Harvard report, the financing of the prodigious undertaking is largely dependent upon the direct and indirect contribution of Western aid.

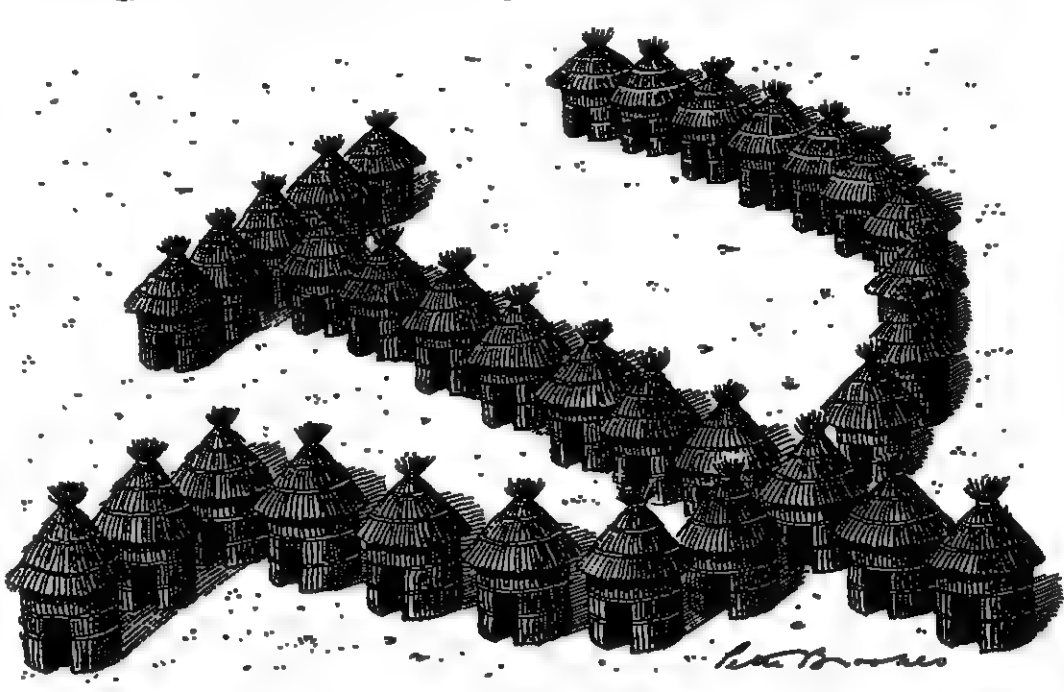
Villagization is not a process new to Ethiopia. It was first seen in the area of Bale between 1979 and 1982 when peasant farmers were forced to tear down their homes and rebuild them in villages near a main road. The regime of Colonel Mengistu Haile-Mariam obviously considered it a success; it facilitated the provision of services and afforded a means of controlling people.

It also had the side-effect of making land available which the regime was later able to use during its resettlement programme, when peasants of the northern highlands were moved away from areas of rebel activity — which they might have supported — to the more fertile lowlands of the south-west.

But it was not until 1984, when the influx of food aid brought an unexpected bonus in the form of import fees (which were 10 times as high as in neighbouring Sudan and which soon overtook coffee sales as Ethiopia's main source of foreign exchange) that the government accelerated its villagization programme. The West, its eyes on the awful camps, did not notice.

One area where the programme seemed to be pursued particularly vigorously was the eastern province of Harargeh — not badly hit by drought and still one of Ethiopia's prime food-producing areas. By the middle of this year some 150,000 inhabitants of the region had abandoned their homes and belongings and fled across the border into Somalia. Around 40,000 of the most destitute gathered in a refugee camp there at Tug Wajale.

Dr Jason Clay, director of research at Cultural Survival, has



now compiled an account of villagization, based on interviews with the Tug Wajale refugees. It is a damning indictment.

The official line on villagization has been enunciated by Mengistu: "The settlement pattern of large parts of Ethiopia is scattered. This has brought considerable disadvantages. It is only when you have peasants together in villages that they can benefit from science and technology."

The refugees' account is rather different. When an area is selected for villagization the usual first step is that the community's religious leaders (mainly Muslims) are arrested and in some cases publicly executed. Officials make an inventory of all possessions, including land, livestock, ploughs, farm equipment and household goods. Residents are forbidden to sell anything: all belongs to the state. Some have even been told they must no longer drink their own cows' milk.

Next the inhabitants of six or eight villages are told to pull down their houses and rebuild them in a prescribed central area. Mosques are destroyed and their materials desecrated by being used to construct latrines or government buildings. The homes of those who refuse to move are burned, sometimes with people inside. Whole villages have been bombed. A common complaint of the refugees was that they were required to work without pay for 12 hours a day, six or seven days a week, on the new villages, often sleeping without shelter while government buildings were given priority to the eastern province of Harargeh — not badly hit by drought and still one of Ethiopia's prime food-producing areas. By the middle of this year some 150,000 inhabitants of the region had abandoned their homes and belongings and fled across the border into Somalia. Around 40,000 of the most destitute gathered in a refugee camp there at Tug Wajale.

Others reported that later, in the new villages, they were forced to work so hard on state coffee farms or even on the personal land of officials or militiamen that they had only two days a week for their own land. The harvest in this area normally yields three times the basic subsistence level. The people lived on yams, honey and a variety of vegetables as well as

grain. They grew coffee, groundnuts, potatoes, red onions and a mild drug called chat as cash crops. But now much of the harvest was confiscated and a bare ration of the most inferior grain handed out.

Taxes were said to be even higher than before the revolution (when the feudal system took between 50 and 90 per cent of each harvest). They had to pay national tax, local tax, drought tax, land-use tax, a women's or youth association tax (for political education), a literacy tax, and contributions in kind to officials.

Those who received Western food aid were often required to pay a similar amount in famine tax. "It was little more than a transfer payment between the agencies and the government," says Dr Clay, who will be speaking at Cambridge and Oxford later this week.

The catalogue of abuses recounted by the refugees was horrifying. More than half had had members of their family killed. Three-quarters had had relatives beaten or imprisoned, and food and equipment stolen. Around 80 per cent spoke of rapes by the militia. In some cases the militia was "turned loose" on local women twice a week, five men to every woman. Husbands who protested were killed.

Two-thirds reported religious persecution: mosques destroyed, sheikhs killed, beaten or imprisoned, the Koran burned, Koranic schools closed, even prayer forbidden. Most talked in terms of repression of their Oromo culture by the ruling Amharic minority.

But Dr Clay reserves some of his most cutting criticism for the Western agencies who he believes collaborate, knowingly or naively, with the process. "It is quite clear that in areas like this, which were not severely hit by drought, famine is being created by a government policy which is deliberately trying to eliminate self-sufficiency and create dependence on a centralized system," he says.

"The agencies are caught in a dilemma: should they provide, in the short term, humanitarian

assistance which is creating a situation that is going to kill more people in the long term? Their answer is to stick their heads in the sand. That is inexcusable."

He is particularly critical of agencies that fund schools in which Oromos are forced to learn Amharic, or that finance the installation of water projects in the new villages. "Even after Cambodia some agencies don't seem to have learned that, willing or not, they are actors in a political tragedy."

B ob Geldof of Band Aid, sensitive to the accusation of amateurism, retorts: "These are just political arguments. We're not interested in making those distinctions. Our job is to help people irrespective of politics. Of course, in doing that we know that sometimes we have to make deals with the devil but we'll do that rather than watch people die."

Other agencies are more circumspect. "We certainly make distinctions," says Paddy Coulter of Oxfam. "If the occupants of a new village come from an area without water then we're happy to help install a project. But if they've come there from hamlets which had water, then we refuse. We make that quite clear. 'Certainly we are worried about villagization, particularly about the possible negative impact it will have on production, but at the moment the provisional crop estimates look better than we had expected.'"

"The reports we have are very mixed. Some of the new villages are good, others not far away are bad. It seems to depend on the sensitivity and skill of the officials who implement the policy." Is Cultural Survival, he wonders, generalizing from a single case?

"Even if only half of what we have found is true, it is still very disturbing," Jason Clay replies. "So is the fact that no-one else seems prepared to do any research or to face up to the question of how long we're prepared to feed Ethiopians when their own government is willing to starve."

readers who liked what he did (library borrowers, mainly). Braine was one of only 20 British who received the maximum £5,000 Public Lending Right share annually). He used to keep all his fan letters, but then he lost them. John Braine became a familiar sight in the Hampstead streets (literally on a stick), loving the bookshops, the breadshops, the coffee bars — but not the pubs. He admired John O'Hara over all writers; he had respect for *Private Eye* and A. N. Wilson.

"Old Kingsley is doing awfully well lately," he said a few months ago. The voice mocked Amis's public-school nickname, but held nothing but affection for his fellow 1950s novelist. "I must," he said, "ring him sometime."

The last I heard from John Braine was about a month ago. "Jaw," he said, "we must meet up for a drink. No rush. There's plenty of time." And then, "Oh my God, that's the trouble."

I reread *Room at the Top* this morning. I only now realize that these are its closing words.

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Ronald Butt

Turning of the screw in Avon

Brent may have reminded some people of Bristol. The details I gave last week of Brent Council's plans for planting its race equality agents in its schools, and its refusal to reinstate Miss McGoldrick as head teacher after she had been acquitted in court of racism, perhaps made some readers wonder what happened to Jonathan Savery, the Bristol teacher accused of racism and officially found not guilty.

For several months since his "acquittal" he has been in a kind of professional limbo, continuing to teach English to ethnic minority children at the school to which he has been attached, but forbidden to enter the Avon multicultural education centre which employs him, and where militant colleagues originally brought the charge of racism against him. Now Savery has been dealt another blow. On the last day before the half-term last week he was told by the acting head of his school that his services were no longer required there, and that although he could stay for the rest of that day (there is obviously much natural courtesy in Bristol) he should not return after half-term.

Savery, whose case was discussed in this column on March 13 and May 1, is a teacher paid by the Avon education authority's multicultural education centre (MEC) which, like the Brent programme, is funded by the Home Office under Section 11 of the Local Government Act, 1966. Savery holds that the job for which he was appointed is to teach English to children of Commonwealth origin handicapped by the lack of it. But the Avon MEC is dominated by a militant group which thinks that teaching English is colonialism. It wants the money to be spent rather in campaigning against the inequality of white society, censoring the reading matter used in schools, attacking the police for racism and switching resources from teaching English to the promotion of minority languages and cultures.

For writing about all this, Savery was accused of racism, but was acquitted by a disciplinary panel set up by the Avon education authority. But the panel added a rider that "given the circumstances at the MEC" (which means, given its domination by the hard left) his opinions made it "difficult for him to remain a member of the staff there at this time". Since then, he continued to teach at Merrydown boys' school until he was suddenly "fired" from his attachment there last week, but he has not been allowed back at the MEC because the militants threatened to walk out if he appeared. Nor is he given any help by the centre or allowed to join its discussions, or its in-service training. Though found innocent of racism, he is being punished for being charged with it.

The Avon education authority would like to get rid of him altogether, since it regards him as

having "provoked" the trouble by speaking his mind. On September 11 I wrote to him saying that his intention to attend in-service group sessions at the MEC "would not best serve your own professional interests or the interests of the MEC and other educational establishments with which you are already, or might be in the future, associated". This letter, on behalf of the education director, Peter Coleman, expressed "very great concern" at Savery's suggestion that he should attend an in-service training session at the centre, and asked him urgently to confirm that he would not do so.

He was also advised by the education authority not to write another article for the *Salisbury Review* (in other words, though he may be attacked he must not defend himself) and was refused to leave to accept an invitation to speak at a speech at a fringe meeting of the Conservative conference, even though half that day was not teaching time because he was not allowed to go to the centre for the normal in-service session.

He was also refused leave to speak to Bristol University students, but did so in his lunch hour last week — which at least raises the question whether the publicity arising from this had anything to do with the decision to end his attachment to Merrydown school. The Avon education authority bends to the militants who dominate the MEC because it accepts their claim that they must heed the "leaders" of the small black radical groups they consult, one of whom recently publicly wished a heart attack on a senior policeman. Yet these are groups which do not truly represent the majority of the black community.

Earlier this year, the Home Office decided that some of the Avon MEC posts did not warrant Section 11 funding because they were not concerned with English teaching, and asked Avon for details of work at the centre, and time spent on it. Since then, Avon has been trying to repack its anti-racist multiculturalism, but the Home Office is still not satisfied and the Education Department is sending two of Her Majesty's inspectors to find out what is going on. Ministers have told me that teaching English is a *sine qua non* for this kind of funding. If this is so, I can suggest how Avon, Brent and many other local authorities who infringe this criterion should be dealt with.

The government should scrap all Section 11 spending. It should replace this with a pool of specially qualified teachers of English as a second language, who are licensed by the Department of Education. Heads of schools who have need of them for their pupils should then be able to call on these teachers. This would help many children towards a better chance in life and also do something to inhibit the hard-left cells which are now malignantly exploiting racial tensions in our schools.

moreover... Miles Kingston

Dr Oliver goes round the twist

As many of my readers seem singularly ignorant of sex, politics, the Big Bang, gay rights and gay lefts, I have asked Moreover Publications to prepare a series of short booklets which explain these things in easy language with lots of drawings. Here are the first titles on our list:

Roger is a Tory MP, by Dr Oliver Gastrosde. Only a small percentage of the population suffers from the urge to be a Tory MP, a condition which can lead to obsessions with sex and race and to the desire to tyrannize everyone else. Dr Gastrosde explains how, in a mild form, the condition is not antisocial by telling the story of Roger.

Roger runs an old family firm making police riot equipment and firearms, but he is also a Tory MP. One day he falls in love with the BBC, and develops a desire to appear on it all the time. At the same time he conceives a hatred for the BBC.

There is a happy ending, when Roger finally gets offered a show of his own on BBC radio and is able to give up being a Tory MP. There are some amusing moments, as with the visit of the Chilean party to the armaments factory. Dr Gastrosde makes the point forcefully enough that being a Tory MP may be a hopeless condition, but it is not without its humorous side.

Barney is a Brent Councillor by Dr Oliver Gastrosde. Only a small percentage of the population suffers from the urge to be a Brent councillor, a condition which can lead to obsessions with sex and race, and to the desire to tyrannize everyone else.

Dr Gastrosde tries to help us understand this rare and rather unsightly pathological state by telling the story of Barney, who sets out one day to stop people using all expressions with the word "black" in them, because they are racist. Well, says his friend Raji, what about phrases in which the word "black" has a nice meaning, as in "in the black" or "The Black Prince"? And isn't a black bell the highest thing in judo, and isn't the black ball the most valuable in snooker?

Well, says Barney, we can keep expressions in which "black" has a positive connotation. But this is

discrimination, says Raji. You're just an Asian trouble-maker, says Barney. Unfortunately, he is overheard and kicked out of Brent Council.

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Let's Play Politics! by Dr Oliver Gastrosde. Dr Gastrosde deals with that powerful instinct we feel in our teens — the urge to get together with other people of the same age and change the world completely. This is nothing at all to be ashamed of, says Dr Gastrosde. It is quite a natural instinct and will not make you blind. Well, only politically blind. However, points out Dr Gastrosde, the results of playing politics are always disastrous and he recommends some other hobbies instead.

Mummy and Daddy are Married, by Dr Oliver Gastrosde. A minority of children live in a so-called "family", with brothers and sisters and parents who seem tolerably happy. Most of us would find this rather odd, but Dr Gastrosde pleads for our tolerance by telling the story of the Wimple family, who go on holiday together. They are thrown out of a pub (because of the children), asked to leave a hotel (because of the children), and ejected from a gay bar (they enter by mistake). But despite this flagrant discrimination by straights, they come up smiling.

Oliver Writes a Booklet, by Dr Oliver Gastrosde. This is Dr Gastrosde's own story, and draws attention to the plight of the minority of people who are forced to write booklets on sex and politics for a living. He relates how, when asked at a dinner party what he does, the answer "I write booklets on sex, race and things" produces howls of laughter and immediate ostracism. He pleads for tolerance for people like himself. He would especially like to hear from young men who like dressing up as nuns and getting tied in knots.

Forthcoming booklets from Dr Oliver Gastrosde: *Elsie and Arthur Meet the Big Bang*, *Dr and Mrs Mac Make a Joint Statement*, *Why has Princess Michael of Kent got a Man's Name?*, etc. etc.

The closing words of John Braine

Joseph Connolly on a writer who was read

Hampstead was John Braine's home for about four years before he died. He was rather surprised himself by how much he liked it, approving of everything that in the heyday of the 1950s would have driven him near apoplexy — the coffee bars, the air of plenty, the sight of men in the street in the middle of the working day.

Just another so-called Angry Young Man softened up by money who sold out to the Establishment? Partially, yes. Braine frankly admitted to a preference for comfortable living over the alternative. But it was a bit less obvious than that.

Braine, though the most kind and charming company you could wish for, still displayed his anger, sometimes flying it like a flag. He targeted, however, had shifted. A little of this he explained to me one evening a year or so ago in his tiny two-room flat in New End. I went in my capacity of bookseller. He was thinning out his collection; authors often do, more so than anyone else.

I rang the doorbell four or six

times, checked the address, and rang it again. The shuffle of shoes was dimly heard, and the door opened a crack, the hall seeming darker than the night outside. He had sunk a few, it was clear, and seemed not to recognize me, but beckoned me in anyway. The room could have been no more than 11ft square and quite devoid of all colour, almost as if everything had been camouflaged into a shadow lined with velvet, and then covered in a fine ash.

Ash, actually, was everywhere, as were books, papers, cups, papers, papers, and bottles. His hand was unsteady as he poured another drink, and his clear and pleading blue-grey eyes were looking somewhere else entirely. By his side was the work in progress (*House Golden Day*, his eulogy of Hampstead) and the writing was precisely aligned, with no deletions for pages on end. I declined a mug of vodka and Lilt. John Braine began to talk, the voice near a parody of the gravelly

"trouble oop at t' mill" Yorkshireman of *Room at the Top*.

"Jaw," he addressed me (as in "Lumpington"), the trouble with everything is that. Pause. "The establishment is established. That's all right, has to be. It's the bastards who want to change that who are wrong now because they don't want to change it into anything — just to knock it down and kick around the bits."

"Writing. That's all it's all about. Just get it said. Never mind about messages — just tell the story, give the reader something to read and leave the bloody establishment alone. It's nothing to do with anyone anyway. We don't really know even what it is. He then got up and left the room. Ten minutes later he returned, without a word.

The Lilt had run out, I am read, the vodka was poured, "I am read," he suddenly announced — not, I think, through arrogance, for his face spread wide open with pleasure at the thought of all those

JOHN BRAINE

Syrians 'in truce deal with Paris'

From Diana Geddes
Paris

The French Government is reported to have obtained the help of Syria and Algeria in imposing a truce on terrorist bombers in exchange for an implicit undertaking that Georges Abdallah, their presumed leader, will not be treated harshly when he is tried in France next February.

These dramatic "revelations" are made in an unsourced article in yesterday's *Le Monde* by a journalist known to have excellent contacts in the French secret service, which is said to have been involved.

At the very moment the deal was allegedly being negotiated, Mr Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, was repeating the Government's determination never to negotiate with terrorists.

Abdallah, serving four years for possessing forged papers and illegal arms, will face charges of complicity in the 1982 Paris murder of Mr Charles Ray, the American military attaché, and Mr Yacov Barimantov, an Israeli diplomat. His release is one of the principal demands of the terrorists.

According to *Le Monde*, the Syrian secret service has agreed "to carry out physical reprisals" against the Abdallah clan if there are more attacks on France before the trial.

The probable *quid pro quo* for the Syrians, the paper suggests, was cash plus the arms deal reported by various French and British papers.

However, Mr Jean-Bernard Raimond, the French Foreign Minister, yesterday reiterated denials of any such deal.

Furthermore, the delivery of arms due to be sent to the Syrians under 1982 and 1984 contracts had been blocked and all recent requests for more arms had been refused, he insisted.

● LONDON: Britain and Syria were finalizing details yesterday to establish interest sections in each other's capitals when their embassies are closed at the end of the week (Nicholas Beeston writes).

Britain is set to be represented in Damascus by the Australian mission and Syria will be represented in London by the Lebanese Embassy on Kensington Palace Gardens, according to British and Syrian officials.

Bonn seeks answer, page 9

Modern Jarrow march steps into history



The present-day Jarrow marchers recreating the past yesterday in Buckinghamshire (above), as they rounded the corner in Lavendon, near Olney, where an historic photograph was taken of their predecessors on their 1936 march to London to protest over unemployment (right).

Mr John Badger, one of the 50th anniversary marchers, unveiled a brass plaque, which is a representation of the 1936 picture, at the spot.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, will join the marchers for an hour today. The 291-mile trek along the route used by the original marchers ends in London on Sunday.

The marchers have been collecting thousands of signatures for a petition urging help for unemployment black spots. It will be handed in the House of Commons next Wednesday.

(Photograph: Bill Warburton)



Hurd orders Bamber inquiry

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inherit more than £436,000 from his parents.

For more than a month after murdering his family with a .22 rifle Bamber fooled police into believing that his mentally ill sister, the former London model "Bambi", had carried out the murders before committing suicide.

Mr Justice Drake, the trial judge, criticized police for their "perfunctory examination" of the carnage at the farmhouse.

After the 19-day trial at Chelmsford Crown Court, at

which the jury found the farmer's son guilty by a 10-2 majority on five counts of murder, Mr Ronald Stone, retiring deputy chief constable, conceded that Bamber had duped detectives.

Yesterday Mr Bunyard said: "I welcome the request from the Home Secretary for a report into the investigation."

"It will give me the opportunity to correct any false impressions he may have formed."

"Although at an early stage in the inquiry the investigating officers appeared to have

been misdirected by a plausible villain, the position was recovered through the skill and dedication of a large number of members of the Essex police who produced enough evidence to secure a conviction."

A catalogue of errors, omissions and ineptitudes by detectives, which included their failure to find the blood-stained slencer belonging to the murder weapon, crucial in proving Mrs Caffell's innocence — meant that Bamber remained free for several weeks.

New security rules for Cyprus base

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examine the state of security at other static communications sites.

Also the positive vetting clearances of all personnel who had been with 9 Signal Regiment in the last two years were being "critically reviewed".

Despite the acquittals of the seven servicemen the Security Commission acknowledged that in future it was important to be aware of the possibility

of a conspiracy involvement in security breaches not just the threat of an individual breach.

Six of the servicemen acquitted have since left the services, either through being discharged or after requests for voluntary premature release.

The seventh, Wayne Krieh, had asked to be released but is not due to leave the RAF until December 12.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Westland and the selfless Major

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, in one more debate on Westland, yesterday used the most ruthless tactic so far in the Government's efforts to defend itself against the charge of malpractice in the affair of 10 months ago. He spoke about helicopters.

Technically, the debate was about the Government's response to the observations on the affair made by the all-party Select Committee on Defence. But the committee had issued two lots of observations. The first was a report entitled *The Defence Implications of the Future of Westland* (House of Commons Report, No 518), in other words, a document about what is really meant by the term Westland Affair. That is to say, Mr Michael Heseltine, Mr Leon Brittan, the Solicitor General's letter, Mr Bernard Ingham, Ms Collette Rowe, what Mr Ingham said to Ms Rowe, what they all said to the Prime Minister, and, above all, in the view of the Opposition parties, what the Prime Minister said to all of them.

Mr Younger, opening the debate, concentrated remorselessly on the first report. He rose, put his head down, and for more than half an hour read solidly about helicopters. "The House is indebted to the Rt Hon Member for Spethorne (Sir Humphrey Atkins, Tory chairman of the Select Committee) and his committee for a clear and cogent exposition of the defence issues, based on wide and deep research," he began.

Furthermore, "the Government agrees with much of the committee's analysis. Inevitably there are points on which we cannot go the whole way with the Committee, but this does not prevent us from recognizing the report as a major contribution..." and so on.

Major Contribution is one of the several senior military gentlemen called on by politicians to carry out important tasks in difficult times. He is of course not as senior as General Review or the top brasshat, most favoured by Labour and Alliance economic spokesmen, and the

most extreme Tory Wets. General Refutation. But at least he is a commissioned officer and many cuts above that old who is always being called for by the new class of plebeian Tory backbencher: Corporal Punishment.

Yesterday, the Major gave selfless service when called upon by Mr Younger, himself a former officer and therefore an old comrade. And it gave great satisfaction in all parts of the House when Major Contribution received a decoration from the hands of the Secretary of State for Defence.

Reading the citation, Mr Younger said that, while serving on the Select Committee, the Major had contributed "to thinking on the subject", which was "proving valuable in helping us to form our own views". There seemed every prospect that the Major will end up being promoted to General Analysis, retiring with a greatly-enhanced pension.

"The committee rightly point out that the helicopter has an established place in both maritime and land-air warfare," Mr Younger continued. On and on he went about helicopters. Labour backbenchers began fidgeting. Tories chuckled to one another. Mrs Thatcher, seated next to Mr Younger, stared down at what at first seemed an important piece of paper. On closer inspection, it proved to be blank.

Mr Brittan, the mysterious lawyer at the centre of the affair, emerged to give his reaction to the Select Committee's strictures about the way the decisions were made. In future, any government would and should insist "that its decisions should have the support of all its members and should not be undermined from within".

Later, he was a little more personal when he said that the Government's policy over Westland had been "threatened at every turn by one of its own members". These were his only references to the Westland Affair, as history knows it. Mr Heseltine, who had made it known that he would not be speaking, was present, and stared at the ceiling. The determined tone of Mr Brittan's speech, however, is summed up by one of its last phrases: "I make no apology for making so much of my remarks about helicopter policy."

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen visits RAF Locking at Weston-Super-Mare, 10. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cornwall, opens the new students' residence at the Duchy Agricultural College, Stoke Climland, Cornwall, 3.40. The Princess of Wales, Patron of Help the Aged, attends the Starlight Cabaret at the Hilton Hotel, 8.

Princess Anne attends a reception in aid of TS Royalist given by the Sea Cadets at Trinity House, London, 6.15; and afterwards, attends the Association of Livery Masters 1985 ladies' night dinner at the Chiswell Street Brewery, London, 7.45.

Princess Margaret attends a performance of *Calamity Jane* at the Assembly Hall, Royal Ulster Hall, Belfast, 7.45.

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The Duchess of Gloucester attends the Nabisco Wightman Cup Tennis Championships at the Albert Hall, 7.10.

Exhibitions in progress: Masterpieces of twentieth century photography: Cornerhouse, 70 Oxford St, Manchester; Tues to Sat 12 to 6 (ends Nov 23). The Ice Age in East Anglia: Natural History Museum, High St, Colchester; Mon to Fri 10 to 1, 2 to 5, Sat 10 to 12 to 4 (ends Nov 9).

How we used to live 1902-26: Wakefield Art Gallery, Wentworth Terrace; Mon to Sat 10.30 to 12.30 and 1.30 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends Nov 22).

Work by Sir Richard Coltham of Stourhead: Deveres Museum, 41 Long St, London; Sat 11 to 1, 2 to 4 (ends Nov 29).

William Scott: Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Belford Rd, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Nov 23).

Contemporary ceramics from La Borne: Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery, Friarage, Peterborough; Tue to Sat 12 to 5.

Music: Concert by Andrea Sokol (piano), Gwion Thomas (baritone), Simon Smith (piano): The Royal Exchange, Market, London; 8.00.

Concert of unfamiliar music: Gagliano Trio: Trinity Arts Centre, Church Road, Tisbury; 8.00.

Memorial concert by combined forces: Oxford choral; Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford; 8.00.

Recital by Caroline Dale (cello), and Piers Lane (piano): St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol; 1.

Recital by José Foghali (piano); Newcastle City Hall; 7.45.

Recital by Oli Mustonen (piano): Solihull Library Theatre; 1.00.

Concert by Exeter University Symphony Orchestra: Great Hall, Exeter; 1.10.

Halle Orchestra: conducted by Bryden Thomson, Steven Isserlis; St David's Hall, Cardiff; 7.30.

Recital by the Delme String quartet with Jack Brymer (claret); St Edmund's School, Canterbury; 8.00.

Lecture-recital by Lewis Riley and his jazz quartet: Newton Abbot Community Hall, Kingsteigton Road, Newton Abbot; 8.

Talks, lectures: Lasers in medicine, communications and science by Anthony McCaffery: Centre for Continuing Education, Education Development Building, Sussex University, Falmer, Brighton; 6.30.

How safe is the banking system? by Professor Richard S Dale, Heriot-Watt University, Mountbatten Building, Grassmarket, Edinburgh; 5.45.

Books - paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week

FICTION: *Archimedes and the Sealings*, by David Malouf (Penguin, £3.95). *12 Edmondstone Street*, by David Malouf (Penguin, £2.95). *Last Letters from Hav*, by Jan Morris (Penguin, £2.95). *Love Always*, by Ann Beattie (Penguin, £2.95). *The Accidental Tourist*, by Anne Tyler (Penguin, £2.95).

NON-FICTION: *Edward VIII*, by Frances Donaldson (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £3.95). *Footsteps, Adventures of a Romantic Biographer*, by Richard Holmes (Penguin, £3.95). *Walking Through in Madagascari*, by Davis Murphy (Century Hutchinson, £3.95).

The Complete Little Ones, by Gavin Ewart (Century Hutchinson, £3.95). *The Third Cuckoo*, More Classic Letters to The Times, chosen and edited by Kenneth Gregory (Hogarth Press, £3.95).

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Retail Price Index: 387.8

London: The FT index closed 11.8 up at 1,267.2.

Anniversaries

Births: John Adams, 2nd president of the USA 1797-1801. Braintree, Massachusetts.

1735: André de Chénier, poet, Constantinople (Istanbul), 1762. Alfred Sisley, painter, Paris, 1839. Paul Valéry, poet, Saint-François, 1897. Eura Pons, Hailey, Idaho, 1885.

Deaths: Edmund Cartwright, inventor of the power loom, Hastings, 1823. Jean-Henri Dautant, founder of the Red Cross, Meriden, Switzerland, 1910.

Charles Mansel-Pleydell, a writer of Gothic stories, Dublin, 1824. Bonar Law, prime minister 1922-23. London, 1923. Pio Baroja, novelist, Madrid, 1936.

Job splitting scheme

The Department of Employment has announced details of a job splitting scheme which could benefit employers, assist those people who wish to work part-time and provide young people leaving the Youth Training Scheme with a job.

A leaflet explaining the scheme is available to employers from any Department of Employment, Jobcentre, or Employment Measures Unit, or by telephoning 01 213 7462.

Roads

Wales and West M4: East-bound carriageway closed between junctions 16 and 17 (Swindon/Chippenham) contraflow westbound. M5: Lane closures between junctions 11 and 12 (Cheltenham/Gloucester), northbound carry slip road at junction 14 (Thornbury) closed.

A49: Various contraflow systems between Usk and Coldra at M24 junction 24 (Raglan).

The North M6: Major roadworks with lane closures between junctions 17 and 18 (Sandbach/Middlewich), resurfacing work between junctions 32 and 33 (Preston/Lancaster, South).

Contraflow in operation. A41: Resurfacing work at New Chester Road, Eastham (Merseyside), single line traffic, junction at Stanley Lane closed.

Contraflow M6: Lane closures at Hillingdon interchange (Stratford). A38: Southbound lane closures between central regional boundary and Castlety (A73 junction) in Dunbartonshire.

Contraflow on southbound carriageway from N of Abernethy to Dalreoch. Information supplied by AA

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Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: C. cloud; F. fair; R. rain; S. sun.

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Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Financial Services Bill, Lords amendments, first day. Lords (3): Education Bill and Salmon Bill, Commons amendments.

Weather forecast

Troughs of low pressure over northern England and Wales will move SE, clearing during the afternoon as a depression near northern Scotland moves NE.

6 am to midnight

London, SE England, East Angles, Channel Islands: Cloudy with rain, drizzle, sun or clear periods later, wind SW fresh or strong becoming W moderate; max temp 12C (54F).

Central S, E, SW, central N, NE England, Midlands, S Wales: Rain during out, sunny periods and scattered showers developing; wind SW becoming W fresh or strong; max temp 12C (54F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals, occasional heavy showers; wind W to NW strong or gale; max temp 10C (50F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Sunny periods, scattered showers; wind S becoming W to NW strong or gale; max temp 11C (52F).

Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, occasional rain-heavy at times, clearer later; wind variable becoming NW strong or gale; max temp 9C (48F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Mainly dry apart from rain in parts of the S on Friday. Becoming rather cold with night frosts.

New moon: November 2

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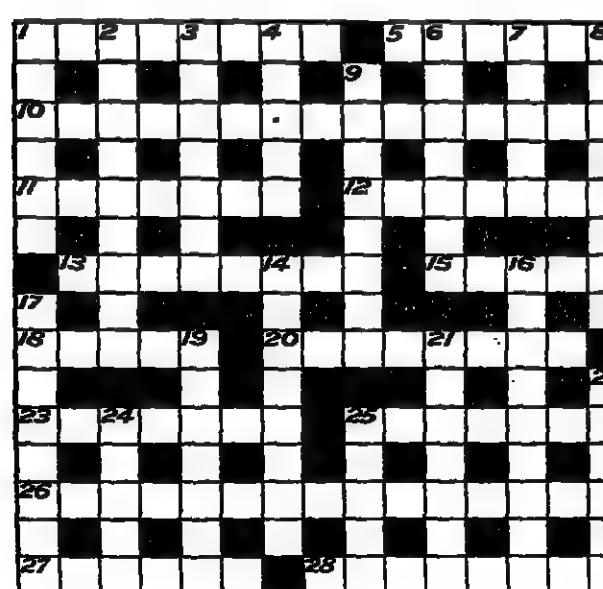
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,190



ACROSS

- 1 Allowed injunction to Edward the Confessor? (8).
- 5 Is Circle to prohibit Met line? (6).
- 10 But it need not be sung pppl (10.5).
- 11 Sully in springtime displays such splendour (7).
- 12 Having strong desire to tear a T-shirt (7).
- 13 This bird has to come down to scold (8).
- 15 Drove to Ohio for Copland's music (7).
- 18 Tailless golden or reddish-brown ape (5).
- 20 Little old woman swimmer? (8).
- 23 Tumbler often seen on bars (7).
- 25 Galley-vessel under pressure (7).
- 26 1. non-caring idiot, ruined indoor plant (3-12).
- 27 Press Council hearing (6).
- 28 Bank concession about to expire (8).

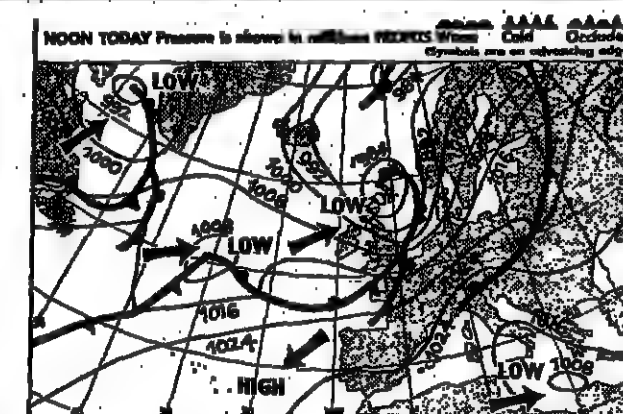
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- 1 Spasmodic trouble for the surveys (6).
- 2 In Spain, Mary embraces John in grass (9).
- 3 Upside-down pudding given capital dressing (7).
- 4 Lamentable outcome of Israel-Egypt meeting (5).
- 6 Suffocate in plane losing oxygen (7).
- 7 Britain's first king so dim (5).
- 8 Allergic response to Conservatism (8).
- 9 Oil giant going bust brings opposite of relief (8).
- 14 Bent for fitness (8).
- 16 Rilke made a version that was fantastic (5-4).
- 17 A dismal expression — like Alice's after the cake (4,4).
- 19 After midnight the love of France, this magic (7).
- 21 Mountaineer's first purchase? (3-4).
- 22 Rosy Smart, intense and full of promise (6).
- 24 Old border tramp (5).
- 25 Play this with effortless artistry, perhaps (5).

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High Tides

Location	Time	Height
London Bridge	11.25	6.1
Abbeville	11.15	5.8
Amble	11.05	5.5
Belfast	10.55	5.2
Cardiff	10.45	4.9
Colchester	10.35	4.6
Dover	10.25	4.3
Edinburgh	10.15	4.0
Exeter	10.05	3.7
Gloucester	9.55	3.4
Harwich	9.45	3.1
Highland	9.35	2.8
London	9.25	2.5
Manchester	9.15	2.2
Newcastle	9.05	1.9
Nottingham	8.55	1.6
Portsmouth	8.45	1.3
Reading	8.35	1.0
Sheffield	8.25	0.7
Southampton	8.15	0.4
Torquay	8.05	0.1

Around Britain

Strasbourg	-X	31	77	63	rain	Germany	0.2	12	14	63	rain
Birmingham	-X	04	17	63	dull	Scilly Isles		20	17	59	rain
Cardiff	-X	05	17	63	cloudy	Shetland		20	17	59	rain
Exeter	-X	06	17	63	cloudy	Wales		20	17	59	rain
Leamington	0.1	11	57	63	cloudy	Warrington		75	18	61	rain
London	-X	01	14	57	cloudy	Tenby					
Manchester	-X	02	14	57	cloudy	Truro	1.0	55	17	59	rain
Nottingham	-X	03	14	57	cloudy	Walsingham	1.0	55	17	59	rain
Portsmouth	-X	07	19	59	drizzle	Douglas	1.1	56	18	54	rain
Reading	-X	10	14	57	rain	London	0.1	22	14	57	rain
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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1267.2 (+11.1)
FT-SE 100
1597.0 (+13.4)
Bargains
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USM (Datastream)
125.51 (+0.35)
THE POUND
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W German mark
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Trade-weighted
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Grosvenor
backs bid

Grosvenor Group, the electrical distributor and manufacturer, has recommended the £2.9 million offer from Hollis, the stationery, furniture and timber group.

The decision came after BBA Group, the friction materials and conveyor belt company, allowed its agreed £7.8 million bid to lapse yesterday after gaining control of 18.7 per cent of Grosvenor.

Hollis stepped into the fray last week with a higher offer than BBA. BBA is offering a paper profit on its bid costs and the cost of its stake in Grosvenor. It has not yet decided whether to accept its 6.45 per cent stake to Hollis.

Reed up 57%

Reed International's pretax profits for the six months to September 28 rose 57 per cent to £80.2 million on turnover of £923 million. This pushed the share price up 40p to 291p. The interim dividend was increased by 38 per cent to 2.25p net.

Tesco leap

Pretax profits at Tesco jumped by 40 per cent to £55.4 million for the 24 weeks to August 9. Turnover rose by 6.6 per cent to £1.7 billion. The interim dividend is raised by 0.45p to 2.55p net.

No referral

The acquisition by Prosper Mulder of assets of Thomas Borthwick & Sons will not be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

DDT listing

DDT Group, an unlisted securities market company, has applied for a full listing. Dealings are expected to begin on Monday. DDT maintains computers and telecommunications equipment and distributes computer peripheral equipment.

Output falls

South African gold production fell to 52,424 kilos (1,685,463 ounces) in September after falling to 53,845 kilos (1,731,158 ounces) in August, according to Chamber of Mines figures. In September last year, South Africa produced 55,997 kilos (1,800,333 ounces).

United deal

United Newspapers has sold Morgan-Grampian Inc. one of its US subsidiaries, to Random House Inc for \$30 million (£21.4 million), payable in cash on completion. The proceeds will be used to develop business and repay debts.

Dealers angry as
chaos hits
Exchange again

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Chaos continued in the equity markets yesterday with several dealers being unable to have their prices quoted on the Topic screen network. In addition, the Stock Exchange cut back sharply on the services available on the system and there were growing fears that the problems of this week could take a long time to correct.

To add to the confusion, many brokers have been experiencing faults in their settlement systems, leading to late or inaccurate contract notes being sent to clients.

A number of large market-makers, including Barclays de Zoete Wedd, Mercury Securities and Morgan Grenfell Securities, suffered breakdowns during the day, forcing them to abandon quoting prices on screens and resort to telephones.

Most companies experiencing problems were uncertain whether it was their in-house systems were at fault or that of the Stock Exchange. It was clear that users of the in-house Colt system, which interfaces with SEAO, were experiencing repeated problems. Both BZW and Mercury use Colt.

While most market-makers put on a brave face, there were growing signs behind the scenes of a lack of confidence in the ability of the market to correct the faults now afflicting its systems.

Some dealers now question the Stock Exchange's right to control the systems on which the market is based and suggested it might be better to develop alternative systems.

The Exchange is taking short-term measures to prevent another failure of the Topic screen network. These include "reprioritizing" Topic so that when demand is high it services those requiring price information before anyone requesting company news.

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Surrounded by discontent: Mr George Hayter, head of information services at the Exchange

Hanson backtracks over
pension funds dispute

By Lawrence Lever

Hanson Trust was forced into a last-minute climbdown at a shareholders' meeting yesterday over its plans to split the Courage pension funds and to take control of an estimated £80 million pension surplus.

It agreed to reopen discussions on dividing the pension funds with Elders IXL, the Australian lager company, which is buying Courage.

And it accepted it was wrong to deny representatives from the Transport and General Workers' Union a meeting with the Courage pension fund management and trustees.

However, the fate of the surplus remains uncertain. And Courage pensioners were unable to obtain assurances from Hanson Trust that they will have the same generous benefits treatment as they enjoyed with Courage.

Lord Hanson, absent on business in America, left it to Mr Derek Rosling, vice-chairman, to face the music at a

packed shareholders' meeting called to approve the sale of Courage.

The London meeting was picketed by about 150 Courage employees, and dominated by a barrage of questions from Courage pensioners who were also Hanson Trust shareholders. The TGWU bought Hanson shares on Friday to enable its general secretary, Mr Ron Todd, to attend.

The union had called a 48-hour strike on Tuesday. Yesterday's climbdown came after repeated questions from Courage pensioners and employees. However, it was not until an intervention by Mr Richard Courage, a former chairman of Courage, that Mr Rosling relented and agreed to reopen talks.

Mr Rosling had previously said: "Hanson Trust has not taken any funds out of the Imperial or Courage pension schemes, nor will it do so voluntarily in the future".

The key word was "voluntarily". A Hanson shareholder pointed out that provisions of the Finance Act 1986 might well force Hanson to claim the surplus for itself.

"If statute requires us to do it, we have to comply," Mr Rosling admitted.

After the meeting, Mr Rosling said Hanson had not deliberately set out to use the new legislation to claim the surplus. Nor had the surplus been a factor in calculating Courage's sale price.

Mr Rosling said: "It is not certain what, if any, surplus there may be".

However, it emerged yesterday that an actuarial valuation of the three Courage pension funds in 1985 had revealed a surplus of about £80 million.

Actuarial sources said yesterday Hanson's plans resembled a tactic called "spin-off termination" used in the US. This is employed by American companies to enable them to claim pension fund surpluses for themselves.

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By Our City Staff

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Globe profits up 15%

By Our City Staff

Globe Investment Trust yesterday reported a 15 per cent increase in profits attributable to shareholders for the six months to September 30, 1986.

The attributable profits, after tax, were £11 million, compared with £9.5 million in the corresponding period last year.

Mr David Harvey, Globe's chairman, said yesterday the whole group had contributed to this year's rise, which was pleasing since Globe had reduced its holdings in high-

yield stocks over the past two years in favour of low-yielding British and overseas investments.

He also highlighted the increase in underwriting fees and a reduction in the investment trust's borrowings.

However, he cautioned that the first-half increase would not be repeated in the second half. Earnings per share were increased by 12.9 per cent in the first half while net asset value decreased by 1.47 per cent.

Next plans to maximise the potential Grattan and intends to unveil its new concept for home shopping next autumn.

The group is continuing to expand its range of retail outlets.

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Isro members vote
to merge with SE

By Our Banking Correspondent

The International Securities Regulatory Organization, the group of largely foreign banks and securities houses, yesterday voted overwhelmingly to merge with the Stock Exchange.

The merger now hinges on the degree of support it will receive from the Exchange itself which will vote on the issue next month.

It would mean the creation of a unified exchange and regulatory body for both British and international equities.

This is likely to prove one of the most important events of the City revolution, strengthening London's position as one of the world's main capital markets.

Senior members of the Exchange are strongly in favour of the move because they are afraid that, without it, the growing business in international equities would leave the Exchange.

Isro's members voted by 164 to 1, with 22 abstentions, in favour of merging with the Stock Exchange, but the Exchange's members are not due to vote until November 11.

There is still resistance to the move by members in spite of strong support for the merger from Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Exchange.

As a result of the merger a new self-regulatory organization, the Securities Association, will be formed to police the conduct of market participants. The Exchange will be renamed the International Stock Exchange for Britain and the Republic of Ireland.

Isro said that it was not worried by the problems with the Exchange's new screen-based dealing system as far as international equities were concerned.

A spokesman pointed out that the international equity dealing system had not yet been developed.

The Securities and Investment Board is insisting that there should be a recognized trading exchange in international equities established by next June, by which time a screen-based dealing system will have to be in place.

Sir Nicholas is expected to become chairman of the enlarged exchange, while Mr Andrew Large, deputy chairman of Swiss Bank Corporation International, is expected to be voted chairman of the new SRO.

The stockbroker has four offices, in London, Glasgow, Bristol and York, and is shortly to open a fifth in Guildford, Surrey.

It was keen to retain its independence after Big Bang and is pleased to have Scottish shareholder backing, given its strong presence in Scotland.

The Bank of Scotland already has an 8.3 per cent stake in Bell Lawrie, the Scottish stockbroker, and is one of the eight members of Cazenove's underwriting syndicate.

The bank is keen to take part in a peripheral and passive way in Big Bang rather than take a mainstream role.

Greig Middleton, the independent stockbroker, has sold 25 per cent of its enlarged capital to four institutional investors for an undisclosed sum.

The four are the West German bank Landesbank Rheinland-Pfalz-Giessen, the Bank of Scotland, The Scottish National Trust, an investment trust based in Glasgow, and Graig Investments, part of the Graig shipping group.

Landesbank has taken the lion's share with about 10 per cent, leaving 5 per cent apiece to the other three shareholders.

The money will be ploughed into the firm as working capital. The association with a German bank should help

Loan rates
'need to go
up again'

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

A further sharp rise in interest rates will be necessary to prop up the pound, says Phillips & Drew, the broker, in its latest monthly forecast. The rise would be necessary to restore financial confidence and to keep inflation under control in an economy which was beginning to overheat.

The broker forecasts that consumer spending will continue to grow strongly, expanding next year by 3.9 per cent as the savings ratio falls. Pay increases would not moderate much and the current account would run up a deficit of £3 billion, rising to £4½ billion in 1988.

Phillips & Drew expects considerable price rises next year, combined with public spending overruns, leading to an increase in borrowing. It says a public-sector financial deficit - struck before deduction of privatization receipts - of perhaps £14 billion in 1987-88 is worrying.

A more optimistic prognosis comes from another broker, Capel-Care Myers, which believes the fall in the pound will stimulate manufacturing and boost economic growth from 1.9 per cent this year to 2.5 per cent next.

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Optical fibre link opens ocean lines

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

The world's first international undersea optical fibre cable link was opened yesterday, the first of a number of links planned worldwide.

The 113 km (70.2 miles) link between Britain and Belgium is a joint project between British Telecom International, Deutsche Bundespost of West Germany, and the Belgium and Netherlands telecommunications carriers.

The system cost more than £10 million, including a £7.47 million contract with STC Submarine Systems which supplied the cable and terminal equipment.

The optical fibre link, which carries information along hair-thin strands of glass, has a total capacity of more than 11,500 telephone circuits, equivalent to about half the present total capacity of 12 old-style cables.

Technology has moved ahead since the first undersea

telecommunications link between England and continental Europe was laid in 1853.

The Britain-Belgium link puts in place the first of a global network of undersea optical fibre cables in which British Telecom will have a stake.

The TAT-8 transatlantic cable, of which the 29 co-owners also include AT&T and a number of European carriers, is expected to be in service by mid-1988.

British Telecom, which reduced prices for early customers, has already taken orders for private leased circuits from companies including Mobil, Barclays Bank, British Airways, and Management Services of America, worth more than £4 million a year.

Prices were reduced recently to compete with the transatlantic cable which Mercury Communications plans to have operating by 1989, in partnership with Nynex of the United States.

Young job makers turn the Prince's idea into a business success

By Ian Smith, Northern Correspondent

The Youth Business Initiative is for job makers rather than job seekers, according to the Prince of Wales, president of YBI, who yesterday visited its trade fair in Manchester Airport's hangar six.

The YBI helps young people between the ages of 18 and 25 to turn ideas into profitable businesses, with the help of a network of 18 regional co-ordinators supported by hundreds of managers at Britain's most successful companies.

The scheme began as a result of a visit by Prince Charles to Liverpool's Toxteth area four years ago. Sporting a group of teenagers as he picked his way through the rubble of the riot-torn area, he stopped to ask what they thought had gone wrong and why street violence was tearing the heart out of the city.

There was a lot of shoe-shuffling until one of the

group muttered it was because no-one cared about youngsters with no jobs and no future.

Prince Charles nodded and walked off and the youngsters thought their plight had yet again fallen on deaf ears.

However, he quickly enlisted the aid of leaders in commerce and industry to set up YBI and provide not only money but a wealth of professional guidance to help those unemployed youngsters eager but ignorant of how to establish themselves in the business world.

With the help of enterprise agencies, banks and building societies, budding entrepreneurs are helped to produce a business plan which is then submitted to a regional board.

If the plan is approved, each applicant receives a £1,000 bursary, with an additional £40 a week Manpower Ser-

National Savings rates up

By Peter Gartland

The Department for National Savings yesterday announced higher interest rates on a number of their schemes for personal savers.

A new 32nd issue of National Savings Certificates with a guaranteed return of 8.75 per cent a year goes on sale from November 12 with a maximum holding of £5,000.

The 32nd issue certificates will be sold in £25 units and will increase in value to £38.03 after five years. The return is free of all British income tax, and capital gains tax. The 31st issue, which has been available since September 1985, will be withdrawn from sale at post offices at close of business on November 11.

The annual interest rate on the NS Investment Account goes up from 10.75 per cent to 11.75 per cent from November 12.

The interest on Income Bonds and Deposit Bonds will increase from 11.25 per cent to 12.25 per cent a year from December 13. Income Bonds, which provide a regular monthly income to savers, require a minimum investment of £2,000. Deposit Bonds, which take the form of a lump sum investment, have a minimum of only £100. No tax is deducted at source from interest on Income Bonds.

The Department for National Savings also announced yesterday that the general extension rate applying to many earlier issues of Savings Certificates will go up from 8.01 per cent to 8.70 per cent a year from November 1.

Shares cut early losses

New York (Reuters) — Shares reduced their opening losses in early trading yesterday. Takeover stocks continued to be strong, but failed to excite the general market. The Dow Jones industrial average managed to rise by 1.41 to 1,846.58. Rising shares outnumbered declining ones by seven to five.

BankAmerica, which has received a takeover bid from First Interstate, gained 2 1/2 to 16 in active trading. EF Hutton gained 2 1/2 to 50 and Lowes 3 to 28 1/2. The average finished 3.65 higher at 1,845.47.

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Abaco pays £12.5m for Lambert

By Alison Eadie

Abaco Investments, the acquisitive financial services group, is buying Lambert Smith & Partners, the consultant surveyor and valuer, for £12.5 million.

This is Abaco's seventh acquisition this year and potentially its largest. Lambert will be merged with Anthony Brown Stewart, Abaco's other commercial surveyor, bought in May.

Lambert is strong on shop, office and investment agency work and Anthony Brown specializes in professional services and property management.

Mr Peter Goldie, chief executive of Abaco, said Lambert would not be the last of the commercial agent acquisitions.

Lambert made pretax profits of £668,000 in the year to

February 14. Payment is in two stages: a cash amount of £6.5 million and a deferred payment of up to £6 million, of which £5 million will be in shares.

The full deferred consideration will be payable if Lambert makes profits of £1.5 million this year. The exit p/e, assuming profits of £1.5 million, is 12.8. Abaco will fund Lambert internally.

US 'losing China trade'

From Robert Grievies, Peking

Mr John Bohn, president of the US Export-Import Bank, said at a press conference here yesterday that American business is losing millions of dollars worth of contracts in the Chinese market because it cannot compete with European and Japanese concessional financing.

Mr Bohn said that if current talks in Paris "do not go well"

in clearly defining the circumstances under which France and Japan, in particular, could provide mixed credits to China, the US might be forced to provide similar financing arrangements.

"We believe aid should be used for aid purposes, and not to finance purchases of telecommunications equipment," Mr Bohn added.

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COMPANY NEWS

WILLIAM LOW: Year to Sept. 6. Total dividend raised to 13.5p (12p). Turnover £233.36 million (£206.87 million). Pre-tax profit £7.26 million (£6.26 million). Capital expenditure during the year was £22 million and is expected to be £20 million in the current 12 months. Bank overdrafts now stand at £14.8 million. The company has arranged a medium-term facility to replace a substantial part of this and to fund developments.

HENDERSON GROUP: Half-year to Aug. 30. Interim payment 2.5p (2.5p). It will be paid on Dec. 15. Turnover £14.91 million (£13.6 million). Pre-tax profit £2.2 million (£2.2 million). Earnings per share 6.4p (7.2p). The board believes that action it is taking will enable the company, in due course, to return to the rates of profit and dividend growth previously seen. The dividend for the full year (7p last time) is expected to be maintained.

GLOBE INVESTMENT TRUST: Six months to Sept. 30. Interim dividend 1.38p (1.33p), payable on Jan. 7. Pre-tax profit on ordinary activities £15.92 million (£13.84 million). Earnings per share basic, 2.11p (1.88p) and fully diluted, 2.09p (1.85p). The board says that the rate of increase in profits in the first half is not expected to be repeated in the second.

ROBERT MCBRIDE (HOLDINGS): Half-year to June 30 (comparisons restated). No interim dividend (1.07p). Net turnover £25.69 million (£23.24 million). Profit, before and after tax, £2.63 million (£2.44 million). Earnings per share 4.36p (4.03p).

FEDEX AGRI-CULTURAL INDUSTRIES: First half of 1986. Interim payment maintained at 0.5p, payable on Jan. 6. Turnover £19.25 million (£19.66 million). Pre-tax profit £502,000 (£421,000). Earnings per share 2.21p (1.85p).

AMBER DAY HOLDINGS: The company is reporting for the 53 weeks to May 31, compared with the previous year. Turnover £9.37 million (£9.38 million). Pre-tax profit £57,000 (£36,000). Earnings per share 1.5p (0.43p).

BENNETT & FOUNTAIN GROUP: The group has bought Moss Electrical for £3.63 mil-

lion in shares. This acquisition is the tenth since Bennett came to the USM last year and is part of its drive to become a national company.

AVON RUBBER: Avon Industrial Polymers, a group company, has acquired CQC of Barnstaple, Devon, from British Land, for £2.4 million cash. CQC's pretax profit for the year to March 31 last was £298,000.

FINE ART DEVELOPMENT: The company is expanding with the £800,000 purchase of Gallery Cards, which operates 13 card shops in the Midlands and East Anglia. Gallery was owned by United News Shops, the ITN shops offshoot of United News.

BURGESS PRODUCTS (HOLDINGS): Coin Industries, a subsidiary, has sold its coin-counting and packaging company, ICC Machines, to Cash and Security Equipment, based in St Albans, Hertfordshire, for £400,000 cash. At June 30, ICC had net assets of £408,631.

ENGLISH NATIONAL INVESTMENT CO: Half-year to Sept. 30. Pre-tax profit £218,093 (£150,573). Interim dividend on preferred shares 3.7p (3.3p) and on deferred shares 1.25p (0.85p). In view of strong corporate revenue growth, the company should continue to show good progress and the board expects the final dividend to be at least maintained. Last time, a final of 5.25p was paid on the preferred shares and one of 2.8p on the deferred.

NIMSLO INTER-NATIONAL: Six months to July 31. Pre-tax profit £274,000 (£194,000), against a loss of £266 million. Turnover \$1.09 million (\$14.02 million). Earnings per share 3 cents (loss 24 cents).

JAPAN ASSETS TRUST: Dividend unchanged at 0.5p for the year to Sept. 30. It will be paid on Dec. 19. Total income £1.56 million (£1.6 million). Earnings, after tax, £85,000 (£155,000). Earnings per share 0.14p (0.29p).

COURTNEY. POPE (HOLDINGS): Mr DH Peacock, the chairman, says in his annual statement that activity in the current year is, at this time, showing an increase over last year and the company looks set to produce a further increase in profits.

Bank of Scotland Home Loan Rate
Bank of Scotland announces that with effect from 31st October 1986 Bank of Scotland Home Loan Rate will be increased from 11

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares move slowly higher

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on Monday. Dealings end next Tuesday. Contango day November 10. Settlement day November 17.

Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Where stocks have only one price quoted, these are middle prices, taken at 5pm. Yield, change and P/E are calculated on the middle price.

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1	Alderson	Industrials A-D	
2	Buckley	Breweries	
3	BICC	Electricals	
4	Portals	Industrials L-R	
5	GECC	Electricals	
6	Midland	Bank, Discount	
7	Compass	Electricals	
8	Suckling	Industrials S-Z	
9	Amec	Building, Roads	
10	New Cavendish	Property	
11	Becham	Industrials A-D	
12	Ladbroke	Hotels, Catering	
13	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
14	Tarmac	Building, Roads	
15	Boose Massam	Paper, Print, Adv	
16	Davy	Industrials A-D	
17	Ranome Sims	Industrials L-R	
18	Thorn EMI	Electricals	
19	Edinburgh Hedge	Food	
20	Standard Chart	Bank, Discount	
21	Metal Box	Industrials L-R	
22	Wyndham Eng	Industrials S-Z	
23	Lloyds	Bank, Discount	
24	Excelsior Clothes	Drapery, Stores	
25	Blue Arrow	Industrials A-D	
26	Lovell (GF)	Food	
27	Crown House	Industrials A-D	
28	Greene King	Breweries	
29	Alfred Lyons	Breweries	
30	Brown Stapley	Bank, Discount	
31	Lang ID	Building, Roads	
32	Crysalis	Electricals	
33	Land Securities	Property	
34	Home Farm	Food	
35	Storehouse	Drapery, Stores	
36	LWT Hidge	Cinema, TV	
37	Gr Portland	Property	
38	Cardiff Prop	Property	
39	Pico	Food	
40	Decca	Electricals	
41	Conat	Industrials A-D	
42	Scap	Industrials S-Z	
43	ICAT	Building, Roads	
44	Radian Metal	Industrials L-R	

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PLASTICS IN EUROPE

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A SPECIAL REPORT

By Tim Tunbridge, Editor of European Plastics News

Geared up to grow fast

Impetuosity born of youth could be seen as the reason for Europe's plastics industry finding itself in rather undignified disarray in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Plunging demand and gross over-capacity followed the second oil crisis and, subsequently, the industry had to pay dearly for its earlier planning and commercial shortcomings.

Today, the industry is on more stable footing. Much of the over-capacity that existed in 1980 has been removed painfully and expensively, although the financial margins being achieved remain inadequate to justify major investment in plastics, or in petrochemicals in general.

Plastics is still a relatively young industry. Although, historically, it can be traced back to the 19th century, the industry as we know it today only dates back about 50 years.

Materials such as polyethylene (or polythene, as it is often termed from the original ICI trademark), polystyrene and PVC (polyvinyl chloride) enjoyed steady commercial success in the 1960s with double digit growth rates the norm as they replaced traditional materials in many applications and created new versions of old products. Packaging and building were the two key growth areas.

Buoyed by this success, Europe's chemical companies embarked on wide-ranging investment programmes for petrochemicals, of which plastics was only a part.

With growth rates of at least 10 per cent in Europe seemingly assured, plus the potential for deep sea exports, plants sprang up in most countries. Indeed, there were worries at the time whether industry would be able to meet future demand.

Sadly, planning and commercial implementation of strategies proved distinctly



The Rover 800 makes extensive use of Bayer engineering thermoplastics and, right, a helicopter blade made from a glass fibre reinforced plastic by BASF in the United States.

fallible, if not inadequate. Although words of caution about slackening growth rates were being voiced from the mid-1970s, they were not widely heeded and the juggernaut of over-investment took time to come to a halt.

All chemical companies made heavy losses in the early part of this decade as earlier errors were wiped from the slate.

Rationalization was the buzz-word as firms reshaped their business strategies, although some will argue today that further efforts in this direction are still needed, perhaps eyeing the West German giants who have certainly not been prominent, it would seem, in cutting back on capacities.

Restructuring the industry

Under the leadership of John Harvey-Jones, ICI has been in the front of the restructuring process. Initially it arranged a swap deal with BP Chemicals where ICI took over all the PVC interests of the two firms and BP acquired virtually all of ICI's polyethylene business, a material the company had initially invented and commercialized.

Subsequently, ICI has entered into a deal with the Italian firm Enichem whereby the resources of their two PVC businesses are combined into a single marketing concern.

Mr Hatchison believes, and many would agree, that the plastics industry's problems have stemmed not from a lack of innovation, but inadequate business strategies. Certainly the industry is alive with ideas and developments geared to the future, with significant growth potential seen in the automotive market, in packaging, electronics, telecommunications and business machinery.

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known as the European Vinyl Corporation.

However, more of these restructuring initiatives are needed if the European plastics industry is to operate from a position of strength.

Speaking last month to the European Petrochemical Association (EPCA), Tom Hatchison, ICI's main board director with responsibilities for continental Europe, noted that there was now a "moderate yet rising sense of optimism regarding the future of the industry in Western Europe".

Factors contributing to this more sanguine view of the industry's prospects include lower oil prices, improving economic growth prospects, a declining threat from Middle East petrochemical developments, rationalization and a greater sense of economic realism within the industry.

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Leading the restructuring process: John Harvey-Jones of ICI and, right, Ray Knowland of BP Chemicals

per cent of low density material consumption being in film applications, it could be argued that the industry has made life particularly difficult for itself by bringing into the market a new variant in linear low density (linear referring to the structure) which has allowed many film applications to be downgauged by up to 50 per cent.

The shining star in this commodity firmament is polypropylene, which has enjoyed a 10 per cent growth in each of the last three years and now has a market of two million tonnes.

Polypropylene (PP) has substantial markets in film and fibre applications (everything from strapping to carpet backing) and is finding many new moulding applications ranging from car bumpers to the latest squeeze tomato ketchup bottles.

It has been the commodity plastics business which has been of great concern to European producers. Even with the rationalization that has taken place (which was a much more difficult process than in the US, for example, because of the more complex integration of plants that has existed in Europe), the output of the industry had a value in 1985 of DM100 billion.

This contributes significantly to the trade balance in Europe and gives direct employment to some 200,000 people.

In addition, there is the plastics processing industry. BASF, Hoechst and Chemische Werke Huls are three of the largest commodity plastics companies, while Bayer is probably Europe's leader in engineering plastics.

Companies from West Germany are becoming increasingly prominent in world process machinery markets, as well as having a dominant position in Europe.

It is therefore appropriate that the world's largest-ever plastics exhibition takes place in Dusseldorf from November 6-13. K'86, as the fair is called, occupies all 16 halls of the Dusseldorf site with 1,700 exhibitors from 40 countries covering 115,000 square metres of stand space.

More than 200,000 visitors are expected during the eight-day show, with 50 per cent coming from outside West Germany.

Although inevitably somewhat introspective, K'86 will

Largest-ever plastics show

also illustrate how plastics (and rubbers) are set to occupy an ever more prominent position in our everyday lives. The days of the non-water-proof plastic mac are long since gone, although, sadly, that image still lingers in many minds.

Rather the public, if not knowing their polystyrene from the polystyrene, ought to appreciate how plastics are making their cars safer and more economic, their appliances and consumer durables tougher, lighter, more compact and cheaper, their communications more instant and international, and the quality of life that much better than if reliant upon traditional materials.

Boon for car designers

The amount of plastics used in a car is put at around 176lb. Some cars use more: the Audi 100 incorporates nearly 320lb, the Citroen BX at least 198lb.

Now the plastics industry is seeking to use the material more widely for body panels and under-the-bonnet applications.

Vehicle interiors are pretty well saturated with plastics, ranging from urethane foam with nylon upholstery for seating to instrument dials, door handles, fascias, lock mechanisms and roof linings.

The virtues of plastics in these applications include lightness, corrosion-resistance, self-colouring, texturing, paintability, economy in use and the ability to produce complex shapes in one operation.

As car designers become more aware of the benefits of plastics they are switching to designing in the material instead of merely adopting a metal replacement approach.

The rapid acceptance of plastics by the motor industry says much for the inherent virtues of the material. Once proven, it often sweeps the board. Nylon radiator header tanks and polypropylene air-cleaner housings are good examples.

A common link today is a need for higher temperature performance and inherent strength. Thus, there are moves towards what are often termed the engineering plastics, higher cost materials but still able to provide economic attractiveness to motor companies because of their ability to be processed quickly, to offer the potential for parts consolidation, to maintain dimensional tolerance and to eliminate finishing operations. Compared to steel and cast

iron, engineering plastics can be energy savers in production and problem solvers in parts design and manufacture.

One good example of co-operation between materials supplier and car manufacturer is the Rover 800. A two-year co-ordination and development programme between the Austin Rover Group and Bayer, the West German engineering plastics specialist, saw its fulfilment in the Rover 800 incorporating 75lb of Bayer's materials in 25 different applications.

At the end of the day, it probably does not matter to ARG that the front and rear bumpers and spoilers for the

High-impact resistance

Rover 800 are moulded in an elastomer-modified polybutylene terephthalate (Bayer's POCAN S 1506). What is of importance is that they have a high-impact resistance, withstand the high oven temperatures used for the on-line body top coat paint process, are visually attractive and add to the car's performance.

Current experimental work in Europe and the US points to future cars being constructed of a metal base frame or skeletal structure capable of meeting all necessary strength requirements with the various body panels being of the hang-on variety. Because of varying temperature requirements for body panels, these can be subdivided into horizontal or vertical panels.

For horizontal panels there is a prime requirement to maintain a high degree of shape integrity since the bonnet, boot lid and roof are

highly visible areas that will quickly show any defects.

Vertical panels such as front and rear wings and door panels have a degree of intrinsic stiffness because of their shape, though still requiring short-term stability to high temperatures.

Glass reinforced polyester (the layman's Fibreglass) in the form of a hot press moulded sheet moulding compound (SMC) has excellent possibilities for bonnets and boot lids. Already it has been proved on the Citroen BX bonnet and tailgate, the latter in the form of a special long glass fibre injection moulding compound (ZMC) developed by two French companies.

Engineering thermoplastics such as nylon and polycarbonate can meet vertical body panel criteria. Such materials are easily injection moulded, but other contenders, such as reaction injection moulded (RIM) polyurethanes, with and without some form of glass reinforcement, have yet to meet full scale plastics production requirements.

Also, there are other concepts, such as sandwich moulding of polypropylene in which a foamed core material is encapsulated in a solid exterior grade of the same resin in a one-shot process.

The ill-fated De Lorean gull-winged car was an excellent example of plastics technology being used in an innovative manner. Utilizing know-how licensed from Lotus Cars, the De Lorean resin-based composite body structure was produced in two halves at up to 85 units a day.

Under-the-bonnet plastics components will be expected to perform under conditions of sustained load and high temperatures. That the materials are available to achieve this performance standard has already been proved in the US where the virtually all-plastics engine built by Polymotor showed a 60 per cent weight saving over a conventional engine and proved sufficiently robust to be used in performance car races.

Even if the economics of switching to plastics engines were right, which they are not, there would inevitably be caution in moving away from metal. However, certain plastics parts do look of interest.

Polymeric valve springs would allow faster revving engines, polyamide bucket tappets contribute to increased engine efficiency. Also, already some of the more exotic high temperature thermoplastics such as polyethersulphone and polyphenylene sulphide have proved their worth for use as bearings and thrust washers, taking advantage of properties such as low wear and friction plus good chemical resistance.

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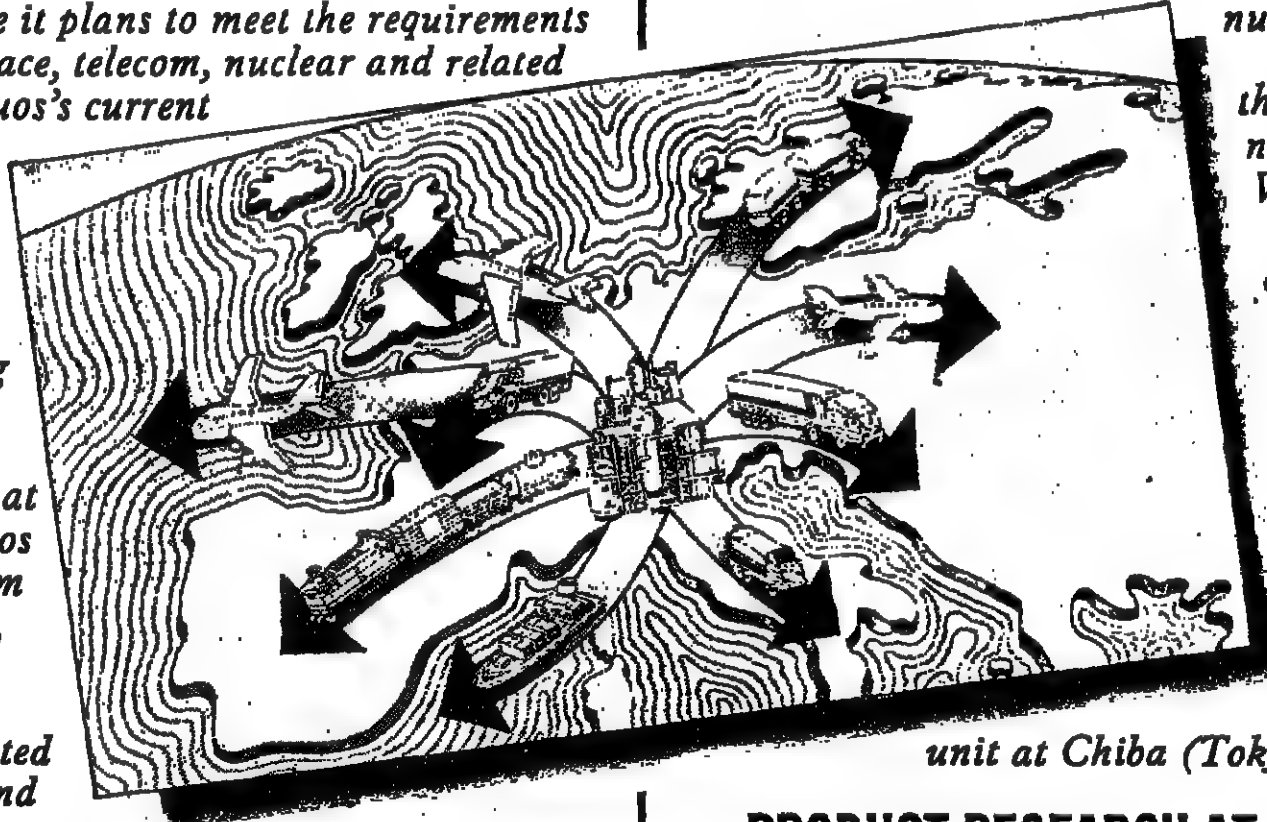
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PET collars the food and drink trade

The packaging market accounts for at least 25 per cent of plastics consumption in all European countries. In many, the usage is put at around 33 per cent, or one third of per capita demand.

Despite the entrenchment of plastics in the packaging sector, many new developments are now coming to the marketplace which will reinforce their position in comparison with traditional materials such as glass, metals, paper and board.

In addition, the majority of well-proven applications continue to grow, though modestly in most instances.

Each European country has its standard uses for plastics and packaging, but there are notable variations. For example, the use of PVC bottles in France has always been higher than elsewhere because of the nation's devotion to wine and bottled waters.

The UK, by contrast, saw the boom in the PET bottle for carbonated drinks, following its big success in the US.

In just a few years the market for bottles made from PET, or polyethylene terephthalate to give it its correct designation, has grown to 700 million in the UK. This 1985 figure was up from 570 million in 1984 in 12 months.

Fastest-growing plastic packaging

which saw the one- and two-litre sizes grow in consumption terms by 30 per cent.

Growth of at least 50 per cent in the market is expected by the end of this decade.

Improved processing technology and material grades have made PET, since 1979, the fastest-growing plastic for packaging applications of all time. The key to this growth has been in the exploitation of its unique set of properties.

These include: high-impact strength at light weight, with resistance to stress cracking;

extremely good barrier properties, with almost complete food-packaging approval; exceptional clarity and aesthetics; excellent chemical resistance; high purity; extreme organoleptic performance.

The PET bottle is primarily used for carbonated drinks in both Europe and the US. It has contributed to significant growth in the soft drinks market and now is being used for packaging wines, beer, cider, spirits and waters. The UK take-home beer trade has already been penetrated to a level of 18 per cent by PET packs.

The success of wine in PET bottles for airlines has led to wine-packaging growth in Italy, Spain and France, while some German wine producers use the material for export business.

Sizes may range from a five-litre bottle in Italy down to a 175ml container for in-flight use. In continental Europe too the UK lead with packaging of edible oils in PET has been followed in Belgium, France, Spain and Switzerland. Further growth is expected at the top end of the market.

The blow-moulding of PET is not limited to bottles. In the US, five-gallon beer spheres are made in the material, while in the UK, a five-gallon chemical container was launched earlier this year.

Also, particularly in Japan, there have been proven uses of wide-mouthed PET jars and tubs for powdered products such as deodorants, sprays, dressings, preservatives and perfumery/cosmetic goods. This latter application has just started in the UK. Lin Pac Plastics Mouldings producing wide-mouthed PET jars for the Innot Natural Choice range of skin creams.

The versatility of PET — the material is used in a range of packaging and non-packaging film applications as well as for blow-moulded bottles and containers — is shown by the introduction of heat-formed



(thermoformed) trays produced from extruded crystalline PET sheet.

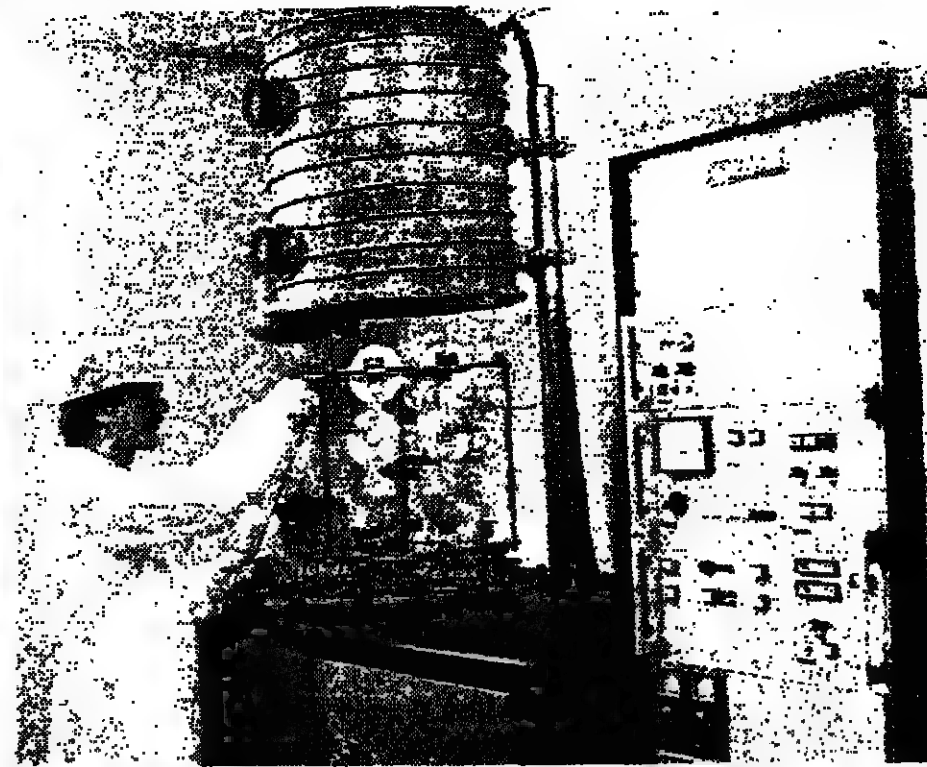
These trays are being adopted for the fast-expanding chilled food market where they can be used directly in microwave, as well as conventional ovens. Products are usually sealed with PET film.

In the UK, ICI (Europe's leading supplier of PET resin, trade-named Melinar) is supplying the Asda food store chain directly from its recently-installed development line. Other companies, such as Waddington Plastons and BXL Plastics, are also heavily

Crisps help to boost demand

involved in this area, as is Metal Box which has developed its own six-layer sheet product based on polypropylene which is both microwavable and retortable.

Polypropylene is in fact a second material proving to have tremendous versatility in developing packaging applications. In oriented film form (OPP) the market went up to 43,000 tonnes in the UK last year. Virtually all of this growth, as in previous years, came from OPP's replacement of the cellulose film market.



industrial drums up to 50-gallon capacity.

Further potential is being exploited from the technique as it is being shown viable for the manufacture of containers comprising up to six layers of material. Such a construction could include a high-barrier material such as EVOH or acrylonitrile, adhesive or tie layers to ensure bonding between the different constituents and even a layer comprised of reground material from the scrap (tops and tails) from earlier production runs.

At next month's K-86 exhibition in Düsseldorf, the German company Krupp Kautek will be demonstrating the production of a six-layer, 10-litre container. Also highlighting a similar process for packs in up to six layers will be US company Uniloy, which has a sister company, Comex, in Italy. These multi-layer packs can be used for many diverse products, including food, chemicals, medical goods and cosmetics.

They highlight how plastics technology is advancing rapidly in certain quarters, presenting a further competitive challenge to the likes of the tin can and glass jar.

Many packaging developments are hastened by the need to establish products that meet the changing lifestyle of the consumer. The shopper today demands fresher and more convenient foods which often goes hand-in-hand with stronger but lighter packaging for consumer goods.

Bag-in-the-box packaging of liquids is one example. This application uses a plastics film, often nylon, laminated or co-extruded with a metalized foil.

Attention has also been focused on the growth of modified-atmosphere packaging.

Saucy boy: Heinz chose a polypropylene-based bottle for its ketchup, and American-owned General Electric Plastics is turning out compact discs (left) in Cheshire. For Coca Cola, and many other food and drink manufacturers, things go down well with PET recyclable cans, a joint venture between Metal Box and PLM of Malmo. BXL's Yorkshire factory has a film line making packaging for oxygen-sensitive foods

ing of meat, fish, fresh pasta and fruit and vegetables. Here, the produce is packed in a deep-drawn tub sealed with a permeable film.

Correct selection of the film thickness — the film usually being of low density polyethylene (LDPE) or PVC — ensures that the atmosphere in the pack reaches an equilibrium high in carbon dioxide and low in oxygen. This more inert environment slows down ripening and decomposition.

Many packaging applications require only a simple film product. In the UK alone last year, packaging, in its broadest sense, accounted for close to 400,000 tonnes of low density polyethylene (LDPE).

Individual markets fluctuate but new outlets still appear. In 1985 there was substantial growth in stretch film for pallet-wrapping, an application for which LLDPE is ideally suited.

Increasingly, films are being tailored to meet specific application requirements. This can be achieved by using polyethylene mixtures or, more sophisticatedly, by producing film co-extrusions based on the low and high density polyethylenes.

To the end-consumer it matters little, but in practice there will be a better film product, tailored to meet the application requirements, based on optimum utilization of the film's thickness (or gauge) and often leading to cheaper, more competitive packaging.

If there were any doubts that plastics do not meet that criteria they are surely refuted by the way manufacturers of glass, metals, paper and board are cutting back their production operations, while usually being forced to raise prices.

Stylish bikes are a future growth market

excess of 10,000 tonnes by 1990.

While an all-plastics bike is unlikely, re-creation of the current cycle would allow 30-40 per cent of the parts to be in plastics, with additional benefits in terms of minimum maintenance and fashion styling. The plastics wheel as used on the BMX bike, for example, offers better performance than its metal counterpart, especially where rough handling takes place.

The trend in bikes is also likely to move into motor cycles in a very significant way.

Despite the potential in the auto sector, the electrical/electronics market is likely to remain the most important market in the foreseeable future. Companies such as Bayer see continued growth in the business machine area.

New composites have an exciting future in the aerospace world

particularly in laser recorder data transmission for products such as storage systems, satellite antennae and key tops.

In the market for business machine housings, as in many others, the choice of plastics, and what type of plastics, very much relates to the cost of the finished product, not just the cost of the basic raw material. The polycarbonate compact disc was a completely new use and, despite all the growth and potential seen for engineering thermoplastics, there are not many new applications emerging today.

The enormous market increase for engineering plastics will not be achieved by the introduction of the new wonder resins. Certainly, some of the newer polymers, such as those based on polysulphone chemistry, have an exciting future, but the real growth will materialize from the improvement of existing plastics. This will be achieved by composites, blends and alloys.

A second area undergoing development effort, and where plastics are seen to have an exciting future, is in high temperature composites based on new resin systems. The aerospace industry has been using the epoxide resin/carbon fibre composite

for some 20 years and the market is considered to have grown by 20 per cent a year for the last 10 years.

However, this type of composite based on a thermosetting (not-melting once cured) resin is seen to have limitations in the long term, providing scope for new thermoplastic resins, such as ICI's Victrex PEEK or polyether-etherketone.

Compared with traditional thermoset composites, ICI's APC-2 composite based on PEEK (32 per cent) and carbon fibre (68 per cent) offers improved fracture toughness and damage tolerance performance. According to ICI, this composite is regarded as the thermoplastic benchmark for the aerospace industry.

The aerospace industry is said to be increasingly favourable in its opinion of APC-2, and ICI says demonstrator parts such as a tailplane section for Westland helicopters, will shortly be in use.

Already ICI, and its competitors, are working on the next generation of higher temperature polymers for high-speed aircraft where leading-edge components have to withstand continuous use temperatures of 170°C.

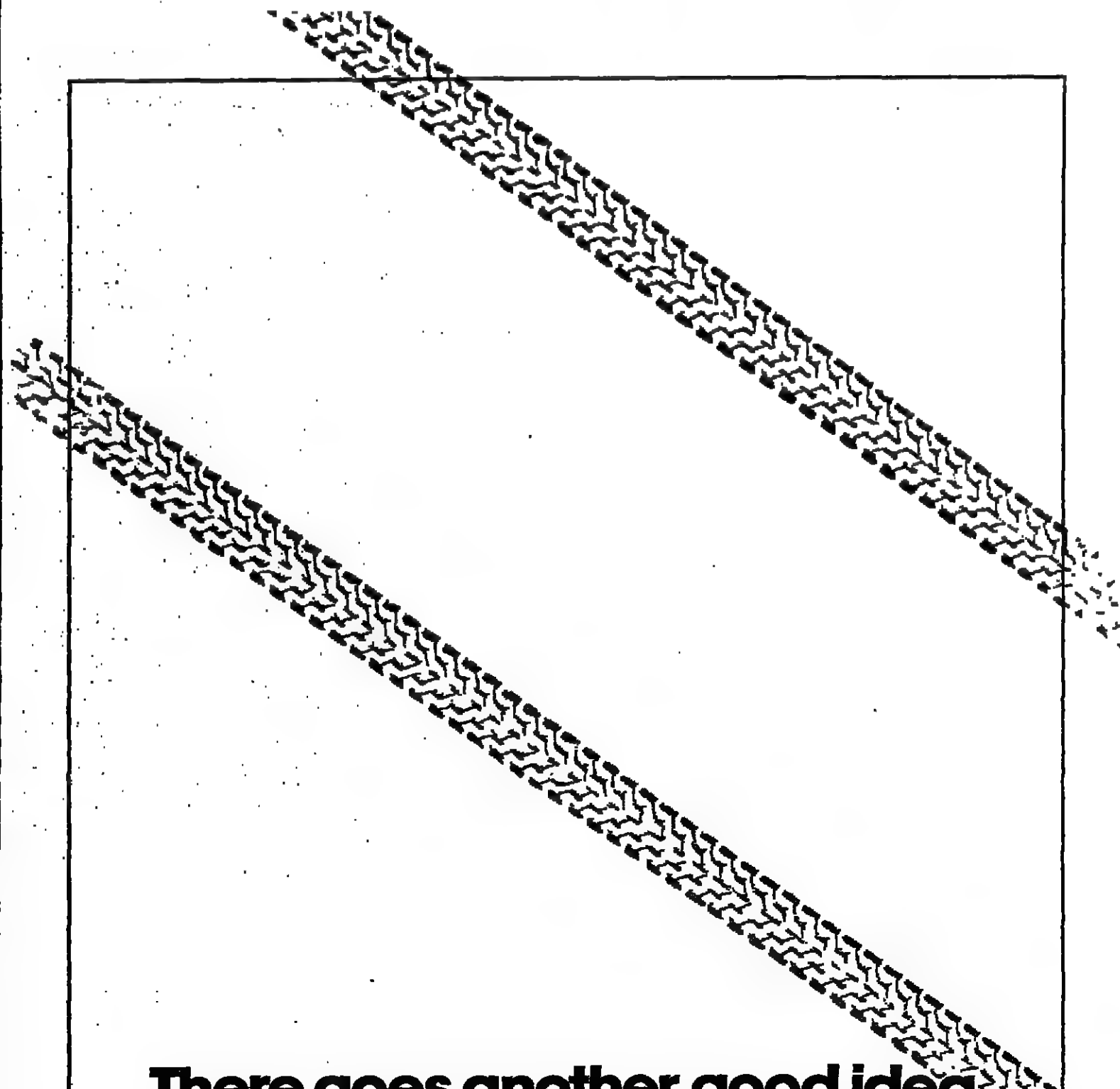
Also, there is considerable R & D effort being focused on the interface chemistry between the two constituents (resin and carbon fibre) to ensure the correct interaction and a high level of impregnation of the reinforcement by the polymer matrix.

The market for advanced composites is forecast to achieve a 15 per cent annual growth rate for the next 10 years. Worldwide, the business is considered to be worth in excess of \$1 billion of which 80 per cent has been in the US.

The centre of activity has been the aircraft/aerospace sector where advanced composites have continued to replace primary and secondary metal structures ranging from nose cones and wing components to engine parts and interior construction components.

The key to growth has been the high strength-to-weight ratio of the composite structures which provide for weight reductions, which in turn furnish fuel savings, plus increased range and manoeuvrability of aircraft and missile. Currently, the market is seen to be 80 per cent in aircraft/aerospace, with most of the remaining 20 per cent accounted for by sporting goods.

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Unemployment continues in double figures, and yet some desirable posts remain unfilled with few suitable applicants. One of the reasons for this is that some posts require the qualified applicant to move home. Traditionally, this has been dealt with as a strictly economic problem, and the solution offered was accordingly purely financial.

The need to fill posts in inconvenient or distant locations as part of a mobile workforce, together with the increasing reluctance of employees to move, has led many companies to question the way they respond to this problem. The more successful companies in this field are those that offer practical as well as financial assistance to help their employees and new recruits to move to a new location.

A sound relocation policy can help to attract qualified candidates to new posts. Like any company policy, it must be based on an analysis of the needs to be satisfied. One of the first steps should therefore be to determine

the objectives of the policy, and how it will apply to current employees and those newly recruited.

Companies cite children's schooling as the most frequent reason for resistance to moves by employees, according to a recent survey of leading UK companies' relocation policies conducted for Merrill Lynch Relocation Management International Ltd. Career disruption of a working spouse was mentioned almost as frequently.

The importance of these two major "lifestyle" issues confirms the need for assistance beyond traditional financial incentives for relocating staff. When these issues are left unanswered, resistance to moving increases. One in five companies interviewed for MLRMI's research said that the level of resistance to moving had increased during the past year. Banks and financial institutions reported significantly higher levels of resistance than other business sectors.

Once an effective and efficiently administered policy has been set

Companies must consider their employees' reluctance to take up certain posts says

Nicholas Troilo

up, it is important that current personnel and potential employees are clearly informed of the assistance available. Prompt and full answers to questions will determine the willingness of employees and job applicants to move. Increasing a candidate's understanding of the policies, programmes and benefits available is a vital component of recruitment when a move is



involved. It helps minimize the negative impact caused by the uncertainty and insecurity associated with relocation. A well-defined relocation policy does not only attract qualified candidates, it also enables them to take up their new posts quickly and without excessive disruption of their private lives, thus maintaining productivity. Research by MLRMI has consistently shown that companies consider this far more important than saving money, and yet through effective monitoring of policy direct costs are also controlled.

By keeping in close touch with the new employee, problems can be foreseen before they become serious. Ensuring the employee gets off to the right start increases the likelihood of a long-term successful stay with the company.

Relocation policies cover a variety of expenses. These typically include solicitors' and estate agents' fees, stamp duty, house-hunting trips, removal expenses and disturbance allowances. The assistance offered to newly recruited employees is often not as extensive. The average cost of moving an employee now exceeds £10,000. Consequently, many companies recruit locally for all but the most senior level positions.

However, moving employees through a variety of posts in different locations is often part of their career development, entailing the relocation of junior staff.

Meeting business needs within geographic constraints is an important part of personnel planning. To accomplish this successfully, recruiting practice must be reviewed regularly and altered as necessary to meet company goals. It is also important to analyse the future needs of the organization, and their implications on staff planning.

The financial drain on a company of poor recruitment, mobility and relocation policies is considerable. The results include reduced productivity, the loss of valued employees and settling for a second or third choice to fill a post, because the best candidate will not make the move involved. All these give rise indirectly to high costs.

Maintaining productivity and profit levels requires the correct balance of assistance for employees against cost. When companies formulate their relocation policies, they focus on reducing aggravation for employees and maintaining their productivity during the relocation phase. At the same time, they need to relieve the

personnel department's workload and avoid giving the personnel director responsibility for areas outside his expertise. To achieve the correct balance, specialized knowledge and skills must be applied.

It is, therefore, not surprising that the number of British companies using relocation consultants has increased significantly during the past three years, especially in the service sector and among companies moving 50 or more people per year.

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Staying cool in the fast lane

Although it is relatively easy to enter the road transport business, to make a company viable requires ingenuity and expertise. Roger Jones considers the challenge that confronts the transport manager



Keeping vehicle standards high is one responsibility of transport managers

"Diplomacy can be a challenging job, but no more so than any other. In fact, I would say that managing a transport office is a much more exciting task."

This sentiment expressed years ago by a senior diplomat in a beleaguered Asian capital came back to me recently as I was sitting in the office of a road haulage contractor. While there were very few trucks in evidence, the place was a bewildering hub of activity.

A driver phoned in to report a vehicle breakdown at Matlock. A customer enquired whether a load could be collected for Italy in three hours time. A Department of Transport official arrived to check the firm's tachograph cards, between interruptions the beleaguered traffic officer still had to find return loads for vehicles about to arrive at Fort William, Falmouth and Felixstowe.

No doubt, similar scenes were being

Good commercial acumen
is of paramount importance

enacted at the offices of a good many of the other 124,000 licensed truck operators up and down the country. If this seems a lot of firms, one has to remember that 70 per cent of them are very small operations owning just one or two vehicles.

It is, after all, relatively easy to gain entry to the road transport industry. All you need is a second-hand truck and an operator's licence, you're in business. However, to make that business viable and successful requires ingenuity and expertise. And this is where the professional transport manager comes in.

It is convenient to divide the industry into two categories. Firstly, there are the own account operators, whose interests are looked after by the Freight Transport Association. These are organisations such as supermarkets and breweries that maintain their own fleet of vehicles to distribute their goods.

The other type of operator is the professional haulier who carries other companies' goods for a fee, and he is represented by the Road Haulage Association. Such firms can carry anything from tin-whistles to timber, and their profit is derived solely from the carriage of other people's goods.

Some may specialise - in the carriage of parcels, bulk haulage or general haulage, for example, and although the road transport lobby in this country is reckoned to be influential, this does not mean that ownership of a truck or a fleet of trucks is a licence to print money. Far from it. Government legislation, high fuel prices, depressed rates and strong competition mean that hard work alone is no guarantee of success. You have to be efficient, as well.

Greater efficiency can only be achieved through better planning and co-ordination, and in this regard it is noticeable that while the number of operators currently hovers about the 90 per cent level, the proportion of managerial and clerical staff has increased considerably during the last two decades.

A transport officer in an own account operation is concerned primarily with the efficient distribution of goods. He has to optimise the routing of his vehicles in order to save time and particularly fuel. (An articulated vehicle runs at six or seven miles to the gallon.) In some cases he (or she) might well decide it would be cheaper to call in an outside contractor.

Apart from vehicle scheduling transport management can also entail responsibility for vehicle maintenance and warehousing. And while large firms are starting to use computers to take the donkey work out of the day to day routine, in the final analysis it is the transport manager's judgement that counts.

For the road haulage contractor there is the added necessity of making a profit. Because margins are tiny, loads have to be costed very precisely and every effort made to obtain an adequate rate. Once a journey has been arranged, the haulier has to find a customer close to a vehicle's destination in order to arrange a return load.

"If I see an unladen trailer coming into this yard, it breaks my heart." The managing director of the small, but successful road haulage firm I was talking to, had good reason to express concern. In the competitive business of road haulage running your vehicles empty for long stretches is the sure road to ruin.

What sort of qualities does a transport manager need? Man-management abilities are certainly of great importance, since the job entails motivating and

controlling a dispersed workforce of independent outposts. It helps also to be methodical and cool-headed. The situation can change from hour to hour, and success depends on one's capacity to juggle with delivery times, part loads, customer preferences and a hundred other considerations.

In a haulage company commercial acumen is of paramount importance. A manager has to be able to cost loads at the drop of a hat and decide on the spot whether to accept a rate or hold out for more. It is unusual to get much advance notice of customers' requirements and last minute changes of plan tend to be the rule rather than the exception. Persistence is another quality much to be desired.

It is surprising the number of firms which operate on the Continent as well; such trips have to be prepared with the thoroughness of a military campaign. There are permits to be applied for, visas to be obtained and all manner of international documentation to be completed. Overlook one detail and your truck may not make its destination.

There are few dull moments
in this energetic line of work

The way into transport management is through the acquisition of the CPC (Certificate of Professional Competence), for which there is an examination set by the Royal Society of Arts that covers all the legislation relating to truck operation and more besides. The RSA recommends 65 direct teaching hours to prepare for the national road operations certificate, with a further 30 hours to gain competence in international operations.

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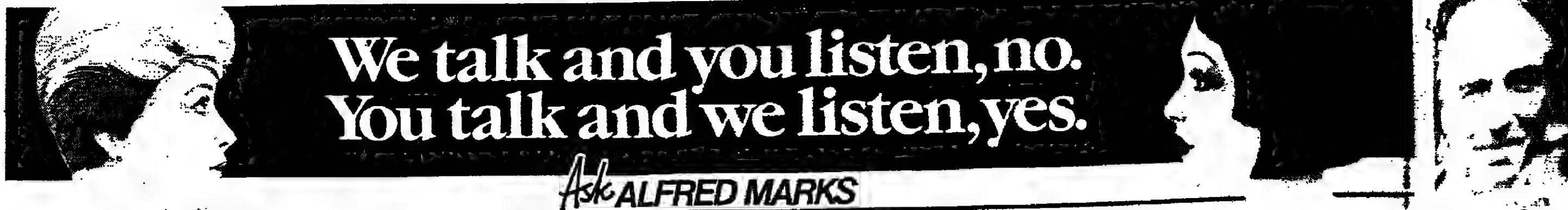
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The Gleneagles Declaration was meant to underline the Commonwealth's rejection of sporting links with South Africa. Instead, it created mistrust and misunderstanding, threats and deceit. In this extract from his new book, Neil Macfarlane (above), Britain's Minister for Sport from 1981 to 1985, reveals the intrigue and the in-fighting.

Malcolm Fraser, the former Prime Minister of Australia, is a member of what the Australians call the squatterocracy: the wealthy farmers of that country whose lineage is long and distinguished. He has an 8000-acre property, which he inherited from his father, situated in the merino and beef lands of the Western District of Victoria.

He became Liberal Prime Minister in 1975 and, during his eight years in office, he turned out to be somewhat surprisingly, considering his patrician lineage — a fierce opponent of apartheid. He was responsible for maintaining Australia's hard line towards South Africa and, together with Mrs Indira Gandhi of India, and Pierre Trudeau of Canada, he was largely responsible for the shaping of the Gleneagles Declaration in 1977.

That declaration, or communiqué as it really was, followed a meeting of the Commonwealth heads of Government at the Gleneagles Hotel in Scotland. The meeting, attended by James Callaghan, as Prime Minister, and David Owen, as Foreign Secretary, agreed to "vigorously combat the evil of apartheid by withholding any form of support for, and by taking every practical step to discourage contact or competition by, our nationals with sporting organizations, teams or sportsmen from South Africa."

"This 1977 Commonwealth statement on apartheid in sport was not a formal agreement. There were no signatories and it is not legally binding. It was a policy statement giving expression to the deep abhorrence of apartheid, particularly in sport, shared by the Commonwealth."

It obliged Commonwealth governments to discourage their sportsmen and sportswomen from undertaking sporting contacts with South Africa and was drafted in broad principle so as to allow individual governments discretion to fulfil their obligations, according to their laws. Indeed, the statement read that it was "for each government to determine, in accordance with its laws, the methods by which it might best charge these commitments."

Fraser's philosophy of leadership, I remember reading, was: "No government can ever be loved. The best that any politician can hope for, and should hope for, is respect for the decisions he seeks to implement. Australians want a government that they believe will do what is right, no matter how



much flak you're going to get as a result of those decisions in the long term."

I have often wondered if the flak he received over his stance towards South Africa helped remove him from office in 1983.

We first met at a reception during the 1982 Commonwealth Games at Brisbane. He got me into a corner and, looking down from his height of 6ft 4in, he poked me in the chest with his finger. "Are the Brits with us?" he asked.

He was referring to a code of conduct and amendments to the constitution of the Commonwealth Games Federation, the effect of which would have been to make individual Commonwealth Games councils responsible for the conduct of governing bodies of sports outside the Games. In other words, the English Games Council would be required to shoulder responsibility for, say, the actions of the Rugby Union, an autonomous body over which it had no control and with which it had no connection.

A meeting of the Commonwealth Games Federation was to be held a few days later with Australia and Nigeria pushing hard for the adoption of alterations which represented what the Federation chairman, Sir Alexander Ross, described as a "major step forward for the Commonwealth stand against apartheid."

"So are the Brits with us?" Fraser repeated.

"No," I replied, "the Brits are not with you."

I explained that the British government in general, and I as Minister for Sport in particular, had no intention of trying to tell the English Commonwealth Games Council representative, Sir Arthur Gold, how to vote.

"You know perfectly well," I told him, "that, for example, British athletics cannot be held responsible for the conduct of rugby union teams or golfers, tennis players and cricketers for that matter."

Fraser beckoned his Foreign Secretary, Andrew Peacock, and

asked: "Why are we supporting this if they aren't?"

Fraser, a great admirer of Mrs Thatcher and her style of government, seemed down aback that England was not wholeheartedly behind the proposed change in constitution. He was acknowledged to be a morally upright man, but, of course, there were other more subtle reasons why Australia should be seen to be supporting a strengthening of the overall thrust of the Code of Conduct.

The first, and most immediate, was that it was important to the country that the Brisbane Games were a success. A second, and less public reason was the impending election of a successor to Sir Alexander Ross, who was retiring as chairman of the Commonwealth Games Federation, and Leslie Martyn, president of Australia's Commonwealth Games Association, was being pushed hard as an Australian successor. Thirdly, Fraser was preparing for a general election some months later and knew he was under pressure from the Labour Party.

For the first time in the Federation's history, there was to be an election to decide Ross' successor. Previously, the outgoing chairman nominated the person to take his place, but there were six candidates to go before the Brisbane meeting, including Sir Roger Bamister, of England, Peter Healey, of Scotland, and Leslie Martyn. In the event, Bamister and Martyn were well beaten, with the vote going to Healey.

At the meeting at which Healey was elected, there was a two-thirds majority in favour of a Code of Conduct and supporting constitutional amendments which related, according to Sir Alexander Ross, "not to inconsequential social occasions but to sporting contacts of the kind Commonwealth leaders see their faces against in the Gleneagles Declaration". There were two interesting statements made prior to the vote for a code that, in fact, was an informal agreement.

The first came from Sir Arthur Gold, who subsequently did not vote on the issue. "My abstention from any part of the voting

procedure is not due to any lack of personal sympathy for the Code of the Gleneagles Declaration, or any wish to reject the code — but I seek your permission to make a statement to this meeting."

"As chairman of the Commonwealth Games Council for England, I intend this general assembly as the servant of my council and, as their servant, my mandate is crystal clear. The English Commonwealth Games Council will, and does, accept responsibility for the full implementation of the philosophy of the Gleneagles Declaration in all those sports over which it has jurisdiction or authority, and will give its wholehearted support. I am not, however, empowered to go beyond my mandate."

The second was from L. O. Adegbite, of Nigeria, who declared: "We of Nigeria would like it placed on record that we are unhappy with the modifications which have been made to some of the clauses agreed upon by the consensus at the meeting of September 27. They have had the effect of watering down some of the decisions in the Code of Conduct and some parts of the amendments to the constitution that we all agreed upon last week."

In other words, the code went too far for English consumption, not far enough for Nigerian and, at the end of the day, just as heads of government interpret the Gleneagles Declaration to suit their nations, so the leaders of Commonwealth sport will interpret the Code as they see fit.

It was Robert Muldoon, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, who declared: "In the application of the Gleneagles Declaration, the cap will have to fit each nation."

The Australians had always been sensitive to the threat of a boycott by the black African nations, especially as Brisbane was formally made host city for 1982 during the 1976 Olympics in Montreal. Those 1976 Olympics had been hit by a boycott of African nations, led by Tanzania, who had failed in a demand for the expulsion from the Olympic movement of New Zealand because a rugby team from that

nation had made a tour of South Africa.

Earlier in 1976, Muldoon, a politician who didn't like to be pushed around by anyone, had won an election in New Zealand in which freedom for rugby players to tour without government interference had been a strong point.

Not long afterwards, a tour to South Africa was announced by the All Blacks and events were compounded by riots in Soweto, the black township on the outskirts of Johannesburg, in which dozens of people died.

Twenty-two nations failed to take part in the Montreal opening ceremony, and I know the Queen was saddened and dismayed to see so many gaps in the parade of competitors and officials.

During the build-up to the Brisbane Games, there had been recurring threats of boycotts as sportsmen and sportswomen from member nations had sporting contact with South Africa. There were three tours which angered the Africans, particularly Chief Abraham Orde, of Nigeria, who had been involved with the Montreal boycott.

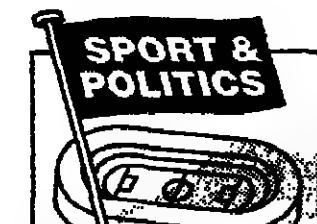
In 1980 the British Lions rugby union team toured South Africa; the following year the South African Springboks toured New Zealand; and in the spring of 1982, six months before Brisbane, a party of English cricketers formed a "rebel" tour to South Africa.

There had seemed to be some progress in easing the threat to the 1982 Commonwealth Games and in re-establishing Britain's commitment to the Gleneagles Declaration when a hammer blow was dealt by some of England's Test cricketers becoming part of an illegal tour to South Africa. Five of them had been on England's winter tour to India. When that tour ended, in mid-February, they had flown by devious means to South Africa.

At the time, the duplicitous action — as I described it then, and since I have had no reason to change my opinion — not only shook cricket's governing body, the Test and County Cricket Board, but also severely dented the reputa-



Leaders at odds over apartheid: Malcolm Fraser (above), and his New Zealand counterpart, Robert Muldoon (below), held contrasting views over tours to South Africa, such as that by the English cricketer Graham Gooch (left)



tion of Britain within the Commonwealth.

Within two years of the 1980 British Lions rugby tour to South Africa, another group of British sportsmen was setting foot in the Republic. By luring five members of the current Test squad, plus former England Test and county players, South Africa had pulled off a considerable coup as well as making it appear to Commonwealth leaders, already suspicious, that Britain was continuing to give official support to sporting links with South Africa.

I had spoken to the TCCB, making it perfectly plain what I thought of the action of the players. I could understand, however, the dilemma in which the Board found itself.

The previous August it had issued an edict warning players not to tour South Africa as a team, but the TCCB had to tread carefully because county cricketers are not tied to clubs in the close season, and it had suffered, in cricketing parlance, an innings defeat four years earlier when an attempt had been made to ban players who joined Kerry Packer's World Series. At the time, the term "restraint of trade" had figured prominently in legal arguments, with disastrous effect to the TCCB.

And if, for example, Graham Gooch had not broken the law of the land (which he hadn't) and was not in breach of contract with his county, Essex (which he wasn't), how could he be punished? Indeed, could he be punished?

The TCCB's answer was to impose three-year England bans on the who's who, explaining that, first and foremost, the Board had to protect the financial security of the first-class game in this country in the face of pressure from, in particular, three members of the ICC — India, Pakistan and the West Indies. It had to protect the jobs of more than 300 county cricketers and where could it get the money, it asked, if India and Pakistan were to cancel their 1982 tours to England? In effect, the bans were imposed not so much to punish the players but to appease the governments of the two Asian countries.

Late in 1982, a party of Sri Lankans led by Bandula Warnapura, a former Test captain, toured South Africa, incurring 25-year bans by the Sri Lankan Cricket Board.

Even more controversially, in January 1983, it was announced that a West Indian team under the captaincy of Lawrence Rowe was on its way to South Africa. The rebel West Indians included players of such stature as Collis King, Alvin Kalichman and Sylvester Clarke, and world-wide reaction was predictable.

All the players were banned from Test cricket, some from domestic cricket, and, outside the West Indies, there were hysterical reactions from many, including Malcolm Fraser. He demanded that all participants be banned from Australia, a blanket condemnation which turned out to be somewhat unfortunate because the West Indian wicketkeeper, David Murray, happened to have an Australian wife and daughter and an Australian home.

During my four years in office, I tried to be a strong supporter of the importance of the established autonomy of sports organizations — international as well as domestic — and I always have been determined to do what I can to sustain this and to resist pressure to use sport for political purposes.

However, one must be realistic. Pressure groups might pretend otherwise, but politics are now an important factor on the international sporting scene. Alas, none of us can ignore that fact of modern life.

'Sport and Politics: A world divided by Neil Macfarlane' (to be published on November 3 by Collins Willow, price £12.95).

TOMORROW
The pressures brought on Britain to join the Olympic boycott.

GOLF Rookie award confirms talent

By Mitchell Platt

Jose-María Olazabal was yesterday confirmed as Henry Cotton's Rookie-of-the-Year on the 1986 PGA European tour. The award came as no surprise following an astonishing season for the Spaniard, in which he won two tournaments and earned £136,775 in official money for second place behind his compatriot, Severiano Ballesteros, in the Epsom Order of Merit.

Cotton, the three-times British Open champion, said: "I have studied Olazabal in action and he has impressed me as a young man whose outstanding talent promises a great future. Watching him develop his ability will be exciting for everybody involved in the world of golf."

The Rookie-of-the-Year award began in 1960 and Olazabal, who will receive a cheque for £2,000, follows in the footsteps of players such as Tony Jacklin, Sandy Lyle, Bernard Gallacher, Peter Oosterhuis, Sam Torrance, Mark James, Faldo and Gordon Brand jun.

Olazabal, aged 20, who is based in San Sebastian, initially came to prominence when he became the first man to complete the treble of the British amateur, youths, and boys' championships, and then went on to win the PGA European tour in 1985, finishing at a Manga, Spain, in November.

In his first full season as a professional, Olazabal won the Ebel European Masters with a 26-under-par score of 262 and, five weeks later, he moved past Ballesteros to win the Sanyo Open with a 15-under-par aggregate of 273.

In all, he played in 19 events on the 1986 tour, finishing in the money on all but one occasion, and he had eight finishes in the top 10. He became the first rookie since Gordon Brand jun. in 1982, to win twice in one season.

Tour peace

Francis Veda, Florida (AP) — Mac O'Grady, the American professional golfer, has withdrawn his \$12-million (about £8,500,000) law suit against the PGA Tour and Deane Beman, the tournament director. O'Grady, who has earned \$1,000 fine and recently completed a six-event suspension for misconduct, had filed an anti-trust suit, claiming that the ban was depriving him of making a living.

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Americans clinch first title

Landover, Maryland (Reuters) — Katie Monahan produced two brilliant rides on Seabring to win the Nations Cup — the first all-American American squad in the Washington show on Tuesday. The United States had only eight riders in the \$10,000 event, 47,000 spectators, and teams, who each had four riders. Britain were second with 16 limits.

Monahan, Katharine Burdall, Lisa Tarnopel and Anne Kursinski made up the American team — the first all-American American squad in the Washington show's history. Burdall and Tarnopel also had clear rounds over the 15-fence obstacle course, as did the British riders Nicky Attwell, on Raffles Apollo, and Malcolm Pyrah, on Towerland's Angelzarte.

Alexa Bell, of Canada, on Ferner and Lisa Carlsen, riding Kalena, also had clear rounds. Hugh Grubb, of Canada, the leading international rider at the show, had the roughest two rounds of the evening, totalling 16 faults, but they were not counted in the team total for the Nations Cup.

Earlier, John McDonnell, of the United States, rode So Dark to the championship in the \$7,500 open jumper class for the Bessie Mearns Challenge Trophy.

Queen's Bench Division

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Court of Appeal

Civil standard of proof in contempt proceedings

Scheme to avoid gains tax fails

West Oxfordshire District Council v Beratec Ltd
Before Mr Justice Hutchison
(Judgment October 20)

The correct standard of proof to be applied in proceedings in relation to the breach of an undertaking given to the court was civil standard, namely, proof on the balance of probabilities, but the court should not regard that burden as having been discharged unless the evidence adduced had been cogent and convincing.

In cases where the relevant court order or undertaking given by the defendant was unqualified in its terms, and the plaintiff had proved that the order had not been complied with, it was no answer to a charge of contempt for the defendant to prove that non-compliance was casual or inadvertent and accidental.

Mr Justice Hutchison so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division where he found that a contempt of court had been established on the plaintiffs' notice of motion of a writ of sequestration against the defendant company's wilful breaches of undertakings given before Mr Justice McNeill, dated April 25 1986, *inter alia*, that it would on cause on its premises at roughen Poggs, Oxfordshire, any smell which might be or

become a statutory nuisance or public nuisance.

No writ of sequestration was issued, but his Lordship imposed a fine of £4,000 on the company, ordered that they should pay the plaintiffs' costs on an indemnity basis, and stated that the undertakings given before Mr Justice McNeill remained in full force.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Robin Campbell for the plaintiff council; Mr Stephen Desch, QC and Mr Anthony Clover for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE HUTCHISON said that the defendants had been given planning permission in 1984 to set up and operate a process involving the biofermentation of waste products to convert them into animal foodstuff.

Despite assurances from the defendants before setting up the plant that there would be no smell from the process, it was found that there was a considerable level of smell emanating from the plant.

The defendants contended that they had taken such measures so that any nuisance there might have been had ceased, but the residents said that there was little if any improvement from the level of smells experienced. His Lordship said that the present proceedings had been brought pursuant to Order 45,

rule 5(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, and it was well established that an undertaking given to the court was equivalent to an injunction so that its breach might be punished in the same way as a breach of an injunction.

Mr Beloff submitted that what was required was proof on the balance of probabilities subject to the qualification that the more serious the allegation sought to be proved, and the more dire the consequences to the defendant if proved, the more cogent and convincing would be the evidence the court required before finding against the defendant.

He relied upon *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Khawaja* ([1984] AC 74, 112) per Lord Scarman. Mr Desch contended that the rule was that the criminal burden of proof applied, relying upon *In re Brinkley Ltd* ([1970] Ch 128, 137) per Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls.

His Lordship said that Mr Desch was right to say that the relevant burden could not be determined by the question whether, if the charge were proved, the defendant was going to be deprived of his liberty; in contempt cases, where an individual defendant was concerned, there was always a risk that that consequence would follow, and sequestration for a

corporate defendant was at least as serious a consequence.

Accordingly, there had to be a single rule which applied to all cases where breach of an order or undertaking was in question; there was force in Mr Beloff's submissions that the present proceedings were civil proceedings despite the possibly serious consequences of an adverse finding, and that there was much to be said for refusing to introduce into civil proceedings the criminal burden of proof.

The court, therefore, had to be satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the plaintiffs had established the breaches relied on, subject to the necessity for the evidence adduced being cogent and convincing in the highest degree before that burden of proof was discharged.

If the evidence established that the defendant's activities were so conducted as to give rise to a nuisance, the question arose whether that evidence alone sufficed to establish that the defendants were in contempt of court, or whether some fault or willfulness had to be established.

Mr Desch contended that the casual or accidental and unintentional breach of an undertaking did not amount to a contempt; Mr Beloff submitted that where, as in the present case, the undertaking was absolutely unqualified, any nuisance, however arising,

constituted a breach and necessarily amounted to a contempt.

He contended further that if the court found the breach casual or accidental and unintentional that should be reflected in the penalty.

His Lordship said that it was plain from the judgment of Lord Russell of Killowen, Lord Chief Justice, in *Fairclough and Sons v Manchester Ship Canal Co No 2* ([1897] 41 Sol J 225), that where the breach was casual or accidental and unintentional there was a contempt of court, but those features were grounds for mitigating the penalty.

Prior to 1965 the relevant rule was Order 42, rule 31 which contained a reference to wilful disobedience which was not in the present rule. Order 45, rule 5(1).

In Lord Wilberforce's speech in *Reid v Transocean (St Helens) Ltd v Transocean and General Workers Union* ([1973] AC 15, 108-110) there was support for the contention that the plea that the breach was casual or accidental and unintentional went to mitigation of penalty only.

The editors of the *Supreme Court Practice* 1985, in Note 45/5/5, at p667, derived a different interpretation from those cases and from *Stancovich v Townbridge Ltd* ([1991] 2 Ch 190, 194).

In the latter case, which was concerned with an order in which appeared the word "wilfully", it was clear that the court regarded acts which were casual or accidental and unintentional as not amounting to wilful disobedience to the court's order.

His Lordship's conclusion, which was consistent with the cases and with the omission from Order 45, rule 5(1), of the word "wilfully", was that where the relevant court order or undertaking was absolute and unconditional, the defendant's disobedience was absolutely unqualified in its terms (the plaintiff having proved the defendant's non-compliance with it), it was no answer to a contempt charge to prove that the non-compliance was casual or inadvertent and accidental.

Those features, if proved, went only to the question of what if any penalty should be imposed.

Having considered the evidence, his Lordship concluded that the defendants had broken their unqualified undertaking on several occasions and were in contempt, that the breaches were not casual or accidental and inadvertent, but that their conduct was nevertheless very different from that which ordinarily attracted the epithet "contumacious".

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Magnavox Electronics Co Ltd (in liquidation) v Hall (Inspector of Taxes)

A scheme designed to avoid liability to tax on chargeable gains accruing to a company on the sale of its factory premises did not achieve its purpose. It failed to ensure that the disposal took place under a contract made during an earlier accounting period in which trading losses were available for set-off.

Moreover, the scheme could not have succeeded in its purpose because the principles to counteract tax avoidance laid down by the House of Lords in *W. T. Ramsay Ltd v Inland Revenue Commissioners* ([1982] AC 300) and in *Furniss v Dawson* ([1984] AC 474) applied.

The Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Croom-Johnson) so held unanimously on October 13 dismissing an appeal by the company, Magnavox Electronics Co Ltd (in liquidation) from a decision of Mr Justice Nicholls in the Chancery Division (*The Times*, February 28, 1985; [1985] STC 260).

Further, even if that had been established, the judge had been entirely correct in his finding that the *Ramsay* and *Furniss v Dawson* principles applied to the scheme with the result that the disposal occurred during the company's accounting period after liquidation had taken place.

Law Society results

The results of the Law Society Summer final examination will be published tomorrow

RACING: WINTER'S DUAL MACKESON SCORER LOOKS SET FOR A SUCCESSFUL REAPPEARANCE IN WINCANTON FEATURE

Half Free can take winning step towards Cheltenham

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Half Free has won two chases over two miles and five furlongs at Wincanton during his long and honourable career but never the Terry Biddlecombe Challenge Trophy which is his goal there this afternoon on what is his seasonal debut.

Now my feeling is that Fred Winter's good ten-year-old will chalk up another victory in the race that his trainer regards as the ideal stepping stone for Cheltenham next month and another crack at the Mackeson Gold Cup which he has won for the past two years.

Any doubts about his ability to do well first time out after a summer out to grass will be dispelled by referring to his record.

Lack of a previous race did not prevent him from winning the Mackeson last autumn while the season before he won his first three races, all at Cheltenham.

Now my information is that Half Free is as fit and as well as he has ever been at this stage of the season and he is my nap.

The presence of Kathies Lad in the field should ensure a reasonable betting market, especially as he has already had a race over hurdles to help clear away any cobwebs that may have lingered after his summer's rest.

Last season Kathies Lad won at Devon in the autumn and at Liverpool in the spring.

In between times, he ran a couple of cracking races at Cheltenham to finish third to Ryeman in a handicap and third again to Buck House and Very Promising in the Queen Mother Champion Chase.

Kathies Lad was also right alongside The Mighty Mac in a similar race to today's at Huntingdon when the last fence brought about his downfall. That was a performance of no little significance because The Mighty Mac was subsequently runner-up to Half Free in the Cathcart Challenge Cup at Cheltenham in March.

Like Half Free, Lucky Rew also boasts a good record at

Wincanton but not in the same league.

Ulan Bator, a stable companion of my nap, can initiate a double for Winter and his new jockey Peter Scudamore by winning the Nailsworth Novices' Chase. First time out last season he finished third to Von Trappe and Mr Moonraker at Cheltenham.

He would only have to run as well as that this afternoon to be too good for Jimminy Quickit, Haddak and Kingswing.

Numerate, who is now a member of Oliver Sherwood's Upper Lambourn stable following that 15,000 guinea transaction at Ascot in June, can recover some of his purchase price by winning the Wincanton Group Challenge Cup.

His first run for his new stable behind Morning Breaks at Worcester recently was very encouraging.

My other principal fancy on the Somerset track is the Kingsford Kitchens to record his second victory on the course this autumn in the second division of the Nether Wallop Novices' Hurdle at the expense of Scatterbut whom he has bounced once already.

With Jimmy Fitzgerald's horses in sparkling form no one should be surprised if Rising Forest wins the Newcar Storage Novices' Chase at Southwell.

A pretty decent novice over

hurdles a couple of seasons back, my selection was even deemed good enough to contest the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham last March. As an individual he looks every inch a budding chaser.

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Dickinson's fine start

Monica Dickinson has sent out two winners this season and both have won by the way. The recently scored for her at Kelso and Bobby Burns, an 8-1 chance, made a successful hurdling debut in division one of the Simonburn Novices Hurdle at Newcastle yesterday.

Bobby Burns, home bred by Lady Bolton, came with a strong run after the last to wear down the even money favourite Last Grain close home.

French raid

Geedeh has a fine chance in today's Prix de Flore at Saint-Cloud and can take British trainers a step nearer the £4m mark for overseas earnings in 1986.

The total currently stands at well over £3,000,000 and the Michael Jarvis filly has the class to take the £18,000 prize back to Newmarket. The soft ground should be in her favour. Another British challenger is the Dick Herm-trained Sweet Meyer.

Hennessy Gold Cup weights

Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup Handicap (2m, 120yds, 12 runners, 12.30, 12.40, 12.50, 1.00, 1.10, 1.20, 1.30, 1.40, 1.50, 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.30, 2.40, 2.50, 3.00, 3.10, 3.20, 3.30, 3.40, 3.50, 4.00, 4.10, 4.20, 4.30, 4.40, 4.50, 5.00, 5.10, 5.20, 5.30, 5.40, 5.50, 6.00, 6.10, 6.20, 6.30, 6.40, 6.50, 7.00, 7.10, 7.20, 7.30, 7.40, 7.50, 8.00, 8.10, 8.20, 8.30, 8.40, 8.50, 9.00, 9.10, 9.20, 9.30, 9.40, 9.50, 10.00, 10.10, 10.20, 10.30, 10.40, 10.50, 11.00, 11.10, 11.20, 11.30, 11.40, 11.50, 12.00, 12.10, 12.20, 12.30, 12.40, 12.50, 1.00, 1.10, 1.20, 1.30, 1.40, 1.50, 1.60, 1.70, 1.80, 1.90, 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.30, 2.40, 2.50, 2.60, 2.70, 2.80, 2.90, 3.00, 3.10, 3.20, 3.30, 3.40, 3.50, 3.60, 3.70, 3.80, 3.90, 4.00, 4.10, 4.20, 4.30, 4.40, 4.50, 4.60, 4.70, 4.80, 4.90, 5.00, 5.10, 5.20, 5.30, 5.40, 5.50, 5.60, 5.70, 5.80, 5.90, 6.00, 6.10, 6.20, 6.30, 6.40, 6.50, 6.60, 6.70, 6.80, 6.90, 7.00, 7.10, 7.20, 7.30, 7.40, 7.50, 7.60, 7.70, 7.80, 7.90, 8.00, 8.10, 8.20, 8.30, 8.40, 8.50, 8.60, 8.70, 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By Jim Fingleton

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

All done by magic — and very straightforward

CHOICE

How remiss of me not to have known about the link between Michelangelo and *Star Wars*. Thanks to this week's Equinox film, *The New Magicians* (Channel 4, 8.00pm), the gap in my artistic/scientific knowledge has been filled. It is a Hollywood technician who makes the connection tonight. His theory goes thus: in the same way that Michelangelo had to depend on a ship being sent to Turkey for the pigments he needed to paint the Sistine Chapel ceiling, so the movie wizards who create intergalactic conflicts in space spectacles have to depend on aids that still aren't readily to hand. Thus, the technique of painting in Michelangelo's time is the same, proportionately to soci-

ety, as movie wizardry is today. I have an uneasy feeling there is a flaw in the argument somewhere, but in a film that has such fun in only half-explaining how the world can be terrorized by a blue laser beam, how clout-touching monsters are in reality only 18 inches high and how a naval battle can be fought out again in what looks like a bath tub, it seems churlish to question this bit of movieland philosophy. But the thought may occur to you, as it did to me, that if it is true that Arthur C Clarke says in the closing quote tonight — "any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic" — then there really is no need for Hollywood's electronic wizards to

worry themselves silly when they find that getting a computer-graphic man to alter his facial expression is still beyond them. • Whatever the title may lead you to believe, Michael Waldman's *Forty Minutes* film *Olga* goes to Hollywood (BBC2, 9.30pm) has nothing whatever in common with the *Equinox* film of movie magic. *Olga* is a film star (though she looks like one, and would be just right in something by Chekhov). Nor does she really go to Hollywood itself if, by Hollywood, we mean the film city. She, and her taxi-driver husband, her two children and a clever

poodle that knows that two plus two equals four, live modestly in Los Angeles. If they had not become disenchanted with life in the Soviet Union, they would presumably still have been there watching television pictures that, so *Olga* says, told nothing but lies about life in the United States. Instead, they now live in a city they do not much like. *Olga* misses Russian culture — which is not surprising when we are shown pictures of her being kissed by a killer whale. Husband Zhenya wants something spiritual. Instead, when he looks at America, all he sees is one big dollar.

• I am still worried about the studio audience in *Film Buff* of the



Three of the *Servos*: in *Forty Minutes*, on BBC2, 9.30pm

Peter Davalle

BBC1

- 6.00 **Cee-fax AM**. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
- 6.50 **Breakfast Time**. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00.
- 9.05 **On the Tenth**. A 40 Minutes programme in which Lucinda Lambton tours the country's statutory libraries. (r) 8.45
- 9.45 **Advice Shop**. Margo MacDonald with advice on claiming social security, 10.00
- 10.25 **Philip Schofield** presents news of children's television and sends birthday greetings 10.30 **Play School**. (r) 10.50 **Henry's Cat**. (r)
- 10.55 **Five to Eleven**. Dore Bryan's thought for the day, 11.00 **Food and Drink**. (r) 11.30 **Open Air**. Viewers' comments about television programmes 12.25 **Star Memories**. Esther Rantzen recalls memorable moments 12.55 **Regional news** and weather.
- 1.00 **News with Maryn Lewis**. Weather, 1.25 **Neighbours**. Australian-made soap set in a Melbourne suburb 1.50 **Animal Fair**. (r)
- 2.00 **Film: The Elusive Pimpernel** (1950) starring David Niven and Margaret Leighton. French Revolution adventure, based on Baroness Orczy's novel, with Niven in the role of the English aristocrat who daringly saves the lives of his French counterparts, threatened by the sinister Citizen Chauvin (Cyril Cusack). Directed by Michael Powell and Eric Pressburger.
- 3.50 **Scrapping and His Tea-Time**. Telly 6-10 **Sebastian the Incredible Drawing Dog**. Michael Barrymore with the story of The Cowboy Who Hated Guns. 4.15 **Beat the Teacher**. Paul Jones presents

BBC 2

- 9.00 **Cee-fax**.
- 9.35 **Daytime on Two**: the final part of the French language adventure series 8.27 (r)
- 9.45 **John Cowen's Newsround**. 5.00 **Blue Peter**. Mark Curry joins in the task of hunting for the remains of a Shropshire mammoth. (Cee-fax)
- 5.35 **Newsround** presented by Angela Rippon.
- 6.00 **News with Sue Lawley** and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
- 6.35 **London Plus**.
- 7.00 **Top of the Pops** introduced by Janice Long.
- 7.30 **Eastenders**. Dr Legg asks the health visitor to drop in on Pauline. Debs has a dinner date at Colin's; and Wicksy learns some bad news concerning his mother from Sharon. (Cee-fax)
- 8.00 **The Kenny Everett Television Show**. More madcap mayhem from the innovative comedian. Plus music from Hot Gossip. (Cee-fax)
- 8.30 **Childwatch**, presented by Esther Rantzen and Sue Cook. The first of two programmes to be shown tonight on the formerly taboo subject of child abuse. This programme is suitable for the whole family but the later one, at 8.30, features specific stories of abuse and the effect this has on the victims.
- 9.00 **News with Julia Somerville** and John Humphrys. Regional news and weather.
- 9.30 **Childwatch continued**.
- 10.45 **Question Time**, presented by Sir Robin Day. The guests include MPs Paul Channon and Oonagh McDonald, the editor of The Sunday Times, Andrew Neil, and the prospective Liberal MP for Richmond and Barnes, Alan Watson.
- 11.45 **Rhoda**. A friend who has been married for 12 years and has borne six children comes to Rhoda for marriage guidance. Starring Valerie Harper. (r)
- 12.10 **Weather**.
- 9.00 **Alan Smith and Jones**. Comedy sketches starring Mel and Griff. (r)
- 9.30 **40 Minutes: Olga Goes to Hollywood**. The story of Olga Serova and her husband, Zhenya, who defected from Russia to the United States and settled in Hollywood. (Cee-fax) (see Choice)
- 10.15 **Film Buff of the Year**. The second semi-final. The specialist subjects are Anthony Mann; Margaret Lockwood, French films of the Fifties; and Woody Allen. (see Choice)
- 10.50 **Newswatch** includes a look back to the invasions 30 years ago of the Suez Canal and Hungary. 11.35 **Weather**.
- 11.40 **International Tennis**. Highlights of the opening day's play in the Wimbledon Cup at the Royal Albert Hall. Ends at 12.15.

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- 9.25 **Thames news headlines**.
- 9.30 **For Schools**: the story of coal 9.42 **Spaceways**, a story by Tony Ross 9.54 **Why we need food** 10.11 **A letter to the editor** 10.28 **Why plants are an aid to breathing** 10.45 **The mechanisms that make mechanical toys** 11.03 **An introduction to the writing of Beatrix Potter** 11.20 **Children's fears and fantasies** about a lonely old lady who lives in a big house 11.37 **Unemployment** spurs one member of a family to involve himself in politics.
- 12.00 **Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends**. (r) 12.10 **Puddle Lane**. 12.30 **The Sullivan**.
- 1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parfitt 1.20 **Thames news**.
- 1.30 **Falcon Crest**. Drama serial set among the vineyard-owning folk of California 2.25 **Home Cookery Club**. Ratsatouille Pie.
- 2.30 **Daytime**. Sarah Kennedy chairs a discussion on the expulsion of the Syrians. Was it the right thing to do? Among those taking part are Sir David Roberts, a former ambassador to both Syria and the Lebanon, and Nadia Hlib, a Jordanian journalist.
- 3.00 **Take the High Road**. Eddie Ramsey finds his own answer to his problems 3.25 **Thames news headlines** 3.30 **Sons and Daughters**.
- 4.00 **Flicks**. Christopher Lillcrop with the tale of *The Trip 4.10* *The Trap Door*. Animals adventures set in a spooky castle. 4.20 **Animals in Action**. How some animals protect themselves from carnivorous predators 4.45 **Healey's Leg**. Drama serial. (Oracle)
- 5.15 **Blockbusters**.
- 5.45 **News with Alastair Stewart** 5.55 **Thames news**.
- 6.25 **Help! Viv Taylor** Goss with news of what NHS services are free and those which are not.
- 6.35 **Crossroads**.
- 7.00 **Emmerdale Farm**.

CHANNEL 4

- 2.30 **Film: Jessy** (1947) starring Margaret Lockwood. Costume drama about the daughter of a gypsy who becomes lady-of-the-moment and then plots to return a stately home back to its rightful owner who lost the pile through gambling. Directed by Bernard Knowles.
- 4.30 **Cartoon**. Woody Woodpecker in *Ac in the Hole*.
- 4.30 **Countdown**. Yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mental arithmetic competition is challenge by Brenda Widge, a book-keeper from Hartlepool. Richard Whiteley is the question master, assisted by Eve Pollard in the adjudicator's chair.
- 5.00 **Film: The Great Moment** (1944) starring Joan Fairfax. A biopic of William T. G. Morton, a Boston dentist who, in 1846, discovered the use of ether as an anaesthetic. With Betty Field as his wife, and William Demarest as the first patient to receive anaesthesia. Directed by Preston Sturges.
- 6.30 **Union Work**. Health and safety at work. Are the new regulations regarding the handling of hazardous chemicals sufficient to ensure worker protection?
- 7.00 **Channel 4 News** presented by Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.
- 7.50 **Comment**. With his views on a topical subject is David Farrar, a writer. **Weather**.
- 8.00 **Equinox: The New Magicians**. A documentary made by TV Ontario exploring how film-makers create special effects for fantasy films. (see Choice)
- 9.00 **On Madeline**. Comedy series starring Madeline Kahn.
- 9.30 **Film: Tunes of Glory** (1960) starring Alec Guinness and John Mills. A powerful drama set in a peacetime Highland regiment. Guinness is Lt-Col Sinclair, a regular officer who worked himself up through the ranks, who commands the respect of his men by his one-of-the-boys behaviour. He is relieved of his command and his successor is a straightforward martinet who earned his command in Sandhurst. A conflict of wills between the two ensues. With Dennis Price, Gordon Jackson and Susan York. Directed by Ronald Neame.
- 11.30 **Behind Belief: Feminine in the Church**. What does the traditionally male-dominated Church offer to women? Are they considered second class Christians? For a woman's point of view Anthony Clare talks to Rowan Pisco and Daphne Hampson.
- 11.55 **Relative Strangers**. Comedy series about a man whose happy-go-lucky existence comes to an end when a son he never knew he had arrives on the doorstep. Tonight, father and son disagree over how to spend Friday night. Starring Matthew Kelly and Mark Farrow. (r) Ends at 12.25

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SPORT

Chorley upset by police ruling

Chorley's big day has been spoiled by the local police, who have banned their FA Cup first round clash against Wolverhampton Wanderers from going ahead at Victoria Park.

The Multipart League club's little ground is currently being revamped to meet the safety certificate requirements.

Now, the police have ruled that it would be unable to cope adequately with the expected large influx of Wolves fans, on November 15.

Welsh club Ton Pentre have been luckier. The police have allowed their game at home to nearby Cardiff to go ahead, even though the local rugby club are entertaining Cardiff Rugby Club at the same time a mile away.

Davies set to return 'home'

Gordon Davies, the former Welsh international striker, has agreed terms with Fulham, and is set to rejoin the club that launched his League career.

Ray Lewington, Fulham player-manager, had hoped the deal would be completed today with Davies returning to Craven Cottage for a fee of around £45,000.

But while it has been temporarily postponed, Lewington still expects Davies to be a Fulham player in time for him to play in Saturday's Third Division match at Doncaster.

Oldham sign Callaghan

Oldham Athletic's manager Joe Royle yesterday made his second signing in six days when he paid £10,000 to Stoke City for Aaron Callaghan, the Republic of Ireland under 21 defender.

This follows the signing last week of Tommy Wright, the 20-year-old Leeds United forward for a record £80,000.

Spectator fine for Shamrock

Shamrock Rovers, the League of Ireland champions, have been fined £2,000 by the U.E.F.A. because they failed to segregate spectators properly at their European Cup game against Glasgow Celtic at Milltown on September 17.

Commenting on the fine Louis Kilcayne, the Shamrock Rovers director, said: "We are very disappointed, and it is our intention to appeal against it immediately."

Shrewsbury's board of directors have rejected a written transfer request from Republic of Ireland midfielder player, Gerry Daly. The former Manchester United, Coventry City and Birmingham player, who joined the second division side for a nominal fee a year ago, has another 20 months of his contract to run.

Yugoslav display contains little to trouble Robson

From Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
Split

Yugoslavia..... 4
Turkey..... 0

Yugoslavia, the nation with one of the best records against England, suggested last night that they may be a genuine threat to Bobby Robson's side and their ambitions of reaching the finals of the European Championships.

The two countries, who meet at Wembley in a fortnight, stand together at the head of group four, although Yugoslavia lead on goal difference.

Against Turkey here yesterday they sprinkled enough moments of quality during an otherwise lethargic stroll to confirm that they will be difficult to break down and to contain. In the absence of Siskovic, their most gifted individual, Skoro and Minaric stood out in midfield and Zlatko Vujovic emerged as their sharpest weapon.

On a surface that was far from even, the Yugoslavs displayed a technique that was at times delightful. Flexible and imaginative in their cre-

ative department, they dismantled the Turks with a sense of touch and a speed of movement that should have brought them a much more substantial victory.

For the opening 20 minutes the Yugoslavs resembled a group that were strangers rather than a squad that had lived together for a week inside the stadium itself. The

crowd, scattered thinly across the terraces, were justifiably displeased with a pattern that was disjointed and with an approach that was uncertain.

But once the relatively young and inexperienced side had taken the lead, they relaxed and so did the audience. The Turks, after a start that was full of unlikely promise for Robson, were subsequently exposed for their enormous deficiencies which were later to reach the heights of embarrassment.

Humiliated 8-0 by England during the qualifying stages of the last World Cup, they were

saved from a defeat of similar proportions by a goalkeeper with the unlikely name of Fatih. His title may conjure up an image of Billy Bunter but he was built more along the lines of Olive Oil.

With his elongated limbs, he denied the Yugoslavs, especially on either side of the hour. Yet he was vulnerable in the air as were his defensive colleagues, and this flaw was to prove their downfall before the interval. Both of their early mistakes were punished by the more attacking of the Yugoslav twins.

An employee of Bordeaux, he struck in the 25th and 33rd minutes. He could scarcely have been given more time to roll in his first goal off a post or a more generous gift by Turkey's captain, Yusuf, to claim his second. "They were absolute presents," Robson said later, "and after that they caved in."

The introduction of Tuce lifted Yugoslavia's challenge and Savicovic, another substitute, and Vujovic put them further ahead within the closing quarter of an hour. Robson, though impressed by "the little gem" called Tuce, saw nothing to fear in Yugoslavia's curiously languid performance. "They didn't play particularly well," he stated.

"Siskovic may make a difference," he added, "but he will have to. They weren't as good as when I saw them in Paris a year ago and I cannot remember seeing so many misplaced passes in an international match. The Turks were, if anything, worse than when we beat them."

YUGOSLAVIA: M. Ramic; Z. O. Vujovic, M. Bagic, R. Sabanadzovic, M. Esmir, M. Bagic, N. Skoro, (sub: D. Stamenovic, S. Katanec, N. Milijevic (sub: S. Tuci), M. Minaric, Z. L. Vujovic. TURKEY: I. Turk, Yusuf, N. Kismet, Erdogan, Savic, Metin, Ugur, Tanju, Ergol, Senol. Referee: C. Longhi (Italy).

Russians score four

which keeps the impressive Russians on top of the group and surely on the way to qualifying for the 1988 finals in West Germany.

In the same group Andreas Thom scored both goals in East Germany's 2-0 victory over Iceland.

Group three table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
USSR	3	2	1	0	7	1	5
E. Germany	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Iceland	3	0	2	1	3	3	2
France	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
Norway	3	0	1	2	1	4	1

Next match: November 19 - East Germany v France.

Halifax might not survive

Halifax Town will hold a board meeting today which will decide the future of the club. On Tuesday the Halifax chairman, John Madeley, said that the official receiver had already been called in although he later denied this. Halifax have debts of almost £300,000, of which £76,000 is owed to the Inland Revenue.

Madeley is confident, however, that home League games against Cardiff City tomorrow and Exeter City next Tuesday will go ahead despite the club's serious financial position. Madeley said: "The attitude of everyone is tremendous. The manager, coach and players are looking forward to Friday's game although they know there will not be any pay this week."

Accountants - who, according to Madeley, are specialists in receivership - spent most of Tuesday going through Halifax's books and a report by the club's financial advisers

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will be discussed today. One of the club's problems is that their assets are limited since they do not own their own ground. Halifax's financial crisis had originally been reported to the Football League and the Professional Footballers' Association by the club's secretary.

Walthamstow Avenue's ground has been closed after a court order. Bailiffs have moved in because of an unpaid debt of £90,000. The Vauxhall-Opel League club claim, however, that this is the result of an administrative error by a Liverpool court. The secretary said: "We have an outstanding debt and an instalment was due to be paid on October 17. An official went to Liverpool to pay the sum of £90,000 into court but found the case had been cancelled."

"We should have been informed when the court was



Shipshape: the crew of Britain's America's Cup challenger, White Crusader, labour up for the next series of races aboard HMS Manchester, a Royal Navy destroyer, in Fremantle

Agboola is the new Charlton target

Charlton Athletic, hit by an injury crisis, are trying to sign Reuben Agboola, the Sunderland defender, on a month's loan. Agboola, aged 24, played 90 first division games for Southampton before moving to join his former manager, Lawrie McMenemy, at Roker Park.

Charlton, who have won six successive matches, suffered another injury blow when John Humphrey, their full-back, twisted an ankle in Tuesday night's 1-0 Littlewood's Cup victory over Queen's Park Rangers. He will be out of action for three weeks. They are also without Colin Walsh, their midfield player, who injured a knee in Saturday's win at West Ham United.

Lenzie Lawrence, Charlton's manager, said that his small squad was stretched to the limit because of the injuries. He was hoping to speak to Agboola last night.

Lawrence, who also has John Fender and Alan Curbishley on the injured list, must attempt to patch up his depleted squad in time for Saturday's visit to Arsenal. He said: "Injuries have forced my hand, but this is probably a good time to strengthen the squad, anyway."

At Selhurst Park on Tuesday, Charlton were within three minutes of having that victory over QPR snatched from their grasp. Floodlight failure caused a 20-minute delay during the second half and the referee, Mike James, of Horsham, would have abandoned the match had the power not been restored within another three minutes.

That would have meant disappointment for Steve Thompson, whose 30th-minute goal was his first for Charlton.

Madden dismissal causes confusion

Howard Wilkinson, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, has claimed that Lawrie Madden's sending off in his team's 4-0 Littlewoods Cup defeat at Everton on Wednesday night was prompted by a case of mistaken identity.

The centre half was dismissed by the referee, Malcolm Heath, of Stoke-on-Trent, for a 69th minute foul on the Everton forward Graeme Sharp, his second bookable offence. But the controversy surrounded his first booking, also for a foul in the 50th minute. Wednesday claim that the guilty player was not Madden but fellow defender, Paul Hart.

"The referee blew for a foul by Hart and then booked Madden," Wilkinson said. "Referees make mistakes. We received a circular about mistaken identity but when I went to clear up the matter with the referee after the game, it would appear clear to everyone, and hopefully to the assessor, that there was a mistake in identity."

Wednesday, who were 2-0 down but fighting their way back into the game when Madden was dismissed, conceded late goals to Derek

Mountainfield and Paul Wilkinson, his second of the match.

Steve Sedgley demonstrated the precociousness of youth to make it a happier night for Coventry City. Sedgley, aged 18, stepped up to take the 84th minute penalty which gave Coventry a 2-1 win over Oldham Athletic. As his older and more experienced colleagues hovered uncertainly over the spot kick, the young Londoner, in only his ninth first team match, strode forward and planted his shot into the net. Cynric Regis scored Coventry's first goal.

Chelsea locked themselves in their dressing room after their shock 2-1 defeat against Cardiff City, of the fourth division, at Ninian Park. The London club's manager, John Hollins, eventually emerged to admit: "That's the worst we've played. We got exactly what we deserved - and that was nothing. Cardiff could have had a couple more. They played well and took their chances but we didn't get off the ground."

Hollins, whose future at Stamford Bridge must be in the balance, added: "It's up to the players - and myself - to put it right."

Final inquest begins

The football authorities in Scotland have begun their investigation into the Stirling Cup final between Rangers and Celtic last Sunday. The report of the match referee, David Syme, will be considered on Monday by the SFA's disciplinary committee.

The SFA received Mr Syme's lengthy report and it is understood it has paid special attention to the incidents which marred the showpiece game, which Rangers won 2-1. Mo Johnston, the Celtic forward, was sent off, nine others were booked and the game erupted in the final minutes when Tony Shepherd, the

Celtic midfielder, was shown a red card but was allowed to remain on the field.

David Hay, the Celtic manager, went on to the pitch to calm his players but after the game he stated that it might be better if Celtic were to apply to play in the English League.

The referee's report will be sent to all the parties involved before being placed in front of the referee disciplinary committee on Monday, when they will decide what further action to take.

To add to the tension, Rangers and Celtic met again on Saturday at Parkhead in a premier division match.

Garner lashes out at length

By Ivo Tennant

Joel Garner, the West Indian fast bowler, spoke at length yesterday for the first time of his feelings on not being retained by Somerset. He claimed he had been made the scapegoat for poor results and attacked Peter Roebuck for "insulting my intelligence" and over his captaincy of the club.

"Viv Richards and I should not be made scapegoats for poor results. If we go, and Ian Botham leaves with us, the club will be back where it started. Brian Langford (chairman of the cricket committee) said to me that in order for the club to go forward it first has to go backward," he said.

"The club has made mistakes since I came here and has been mismanaged. Burgess and Moseley have gone and have not been replaced. Botham and Dredge are not the same bowlers, yet I am blamed when we do not take wickets and my bowling is compared to my Test achievements, when I had better support. How many Somerset players could command places in another county team?"

When asked whether allegations that he did not help Somerset's young players were true, Garner said: "A lot of them found it difficult to ask a question but they do not find it hard to approach me. Viv helps them, too."

"I have also been accused of being disruptive. If speaking one's mind is disruptive then I am. If I see things that are wrong in West Indies or in Somerset I point them out."

In response to other questions, Garner said this was not a race issue, that he had had "run-ins" with two committee men during the summer and that various committee members thought Botham was big-headed. "If the intention was to get rid of Ian by sacking us, then that was stupid," Garner said.

Garner hopes to continue playing for West Indies but if Somerset members vote in support of their committee at the special meeting on November 8 he will probably retire from county cricket. He said he has had offers from other counties. He would then play league cricket and pursue a career as a social worker.

Boost for cricket in Wales

By Mike Berry

A side representing Wales has been elected into the Minor Counties championship from the 1988 season onwards. They were accepted at yesterday's Minor Counties meeting at Lord's and will replace Somerset second XI.

Somerset had given an obligatory year's notice of their intention to pull out of the competition at the end of the 1987 campaign due to their increased commitments with the second XI championship and the Bains Dawes Trophy.

The Welsh side will be known as the Wales Minor Counties XI and will be the first newcomer into the championship for over 30 years. Shropshire were the last new county when they joined in 1957.

George August, chairman of the Minor Counties Cricket Association, said: "Wales were prepared to take over next season but it was felt that it would be a lot tidier for things to stay as they are and to admit them for the 1988 season."

Wales, who have Tom Cartwright, the former England player as their national coach, regularly play three-day fixtures against Ireland and MCC and Bill Edwards, the chairman of the Welsh Cricket Association, the board of control for cricket in the country, said: "It is a great fillip for the game in Wales and we are delighted to have been accepted."

RUGBY UNION

Palmer calls it a day

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

John Palmer, who captained Bath to their third successive John Player Special Cup victory last season, has retired from international competition. As a consequence he has withdrawn from the national training squad which leaves today for four days in Portugal. He has been replaced by Ralph Knibbs, the uncapped Bristol centre.

Palmer, aged 39, who was capped twice in South Africa in 1984 and as a replacement against Ireland last season, no longer has the commitment required for international rugby. "I have been thinking for some time about how much longer I was going to play," Palmer said yesterday. "I have been in top rugby for 12 years and I have decided now just to play for enjoyment with Bath."

He will not be available for the divisional championship either, which opens the way for a potentially exciting combination of Knibbs and Simon Halliday in the south-west division. Palmer went to Canada with the under-23 squad in 1977 and first be-

came an England squad member a year later.

He was a replacement in the grand-slam season of 1980 but did not win his first cap until the 1984 England tour to South Africa, when his tackling - as much as the elusive running which made him a promising stand-off half in his early years - won him a place. Earlier this year he captained England's B team in Italy.

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Edwards to quit

John Edwards, the Sussex coach for the last five years, is quitting at the end of the season. Edwards, who played for Lewes, took over from the injured Kevin Simms what I always wanted and helped me make up my mind," Palmer said.

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Another chance

Tom Collins, the former British light-heavyweight champion from Leeds, has been given another chance to recapture the title which, at present, is held by the World Boxing Council champion, Dennis Andries. Collins lost the title to Andries in January 1984, and made an unsuccessful bid to regain it three months later.

He has been matched with John Moody, of Rayleigh, in an eliminator which will be promoted by Mike Barrett at the York Hall, London, on January 8.

Ladies first

The world's top women fencers will fight next week at the Northgate Sports Centre, Ipswich, in the first international épée championship to be staged in Britain. About 60 contestants are expected and Andrea de Bunsen, the Commonwealth gold medal winner, said: "The épée was for a long time regarded as a men's weapon, but now it is popular with women and can soon become an Olympic event for ladies."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Free wheeling

Dortmund (Reuters) - Danny Clark, of Australia, and Tony Doyle, of Great Britain, won the Dortmund six-day cycle race last night, their second successive six-day event victory within a week.

Tickets only

Oldham have made their Rugby League match against the popular Australian tourists next Tuesday an all-ticket affair at the request of the police. There will be a capacity of 7,400 for the first visit of the Australians to Oldham since 1973.

Final touch

Ray Howell, an engineer from Manchester, put the finishing touches to a brilliant win by Chorton-cum-Hardy in the Hennessy Cognac national pro-am golf championship at the Princess Country Club in the Bahamas. In a dramatic climax to the 54 holes, better-ball, competition, Howell, aged 33, earned his club professional, David Streeton, the £3,000 first prize when he sank an eight-foot putt for a birdie at the first extra hole. It made amends for his three putts at the 18th, which allowed Sundridge Park, Kent, to tie on 205 with a final round 73. Chorton finished with a 69.

Cut price

Des Drummond, the Great Britain and Leigh wing three-quarter, is asking the Rugby League to cut his £100,000 transfer fee. He made an application for a reduction before the management committee in Leeds yesterday.

Late drinks

Steve Phillips, the Torquay United forward, has been sacked following an incident in which five or six young players were discovered drinking late on Saturday night.

Joe Vines 1980